

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 8 December 2020



ORDINARY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay on Tuesday, 8 December 2020 at 6pm

Prayer and Acknowledgement of the local indigenous people

Prayer

"Almighty God,

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

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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Confirmation of the Minutes

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Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

Therese Manns
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM31/20

Subject: Financial Support and Donations - December 2020

Motion:

That Council:

- a) endorse the decision to provide a donation of \$500 towards the production of the St Spyridon College P&F Cookbook, to be funded from the 2020-21 Contingency Fund, to assist with raising funds for the benefit of the school community;
- b) continue the "Mayor's Award" for Randwick Boys' High School and fund the operating of the award for a further five years at a cost of \$5,000, of which \$1,000 is to be funded each year from the Contingency Fund (2020-21 to 2024-25); and
- c) waive fees totaling \$1,792 for a Lifeguard to oversee the Autism Swim Dippers Program each Saturday for two hours from 30 January 2021 to 13 March 2021, to be funded from the 2020-21 Contingency Fund.

Background:

Should Council accept the recommendation, the event organisers must undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event. The Mayor, or the Mayor's representative, must be given the opportunity to address these events on behalf of Council.

Council has received the following requests for financial assistance for December 2020:

St Spyridon College P&F Cookbook – Financial Assistance

I have received a request for financial assistance from the St Spyridon College Parents and Friends Committee for the production of the St Spyridon College P&F Cookbook.

The St Spyridon College P&F Cookbook is a key fundraiser for the school this year as the committee is unable to host the successful fundraisers that would normally bring the school together due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is intended that the book will be produced in time for Christmas and funds raised from book sales will go towards the school.

The project has been successful in terms of recipe contribution from the school community which brings a total of close to 140 recipes and over 250 pages for the book. The committee are very excited to see this project come to fruition in lieu of their usual fundraising activities, in what has been a challenging year.

It is anticipated that the cost of production will be very high and the school will need to sell many books to the school community to make it a viable fundraiser. As such, the committee are seeking sponsors to assist by making financial contributions towards the fundraising efforts.

Any donation will be acknowledged in the Cookbook and receive a copy of the Cookbook to keep. We were required to provide Council's logo for inclusion in the Cookbook in advance as the tight deadline meant the Cookbook went to print on 27 November 2020. As such, I made the decision as Mayor to approve support towards this worthy fundraising initiative.

It is recommended that Council make a donation of \$500 towards the production of the St Spyridon College P&F Cookbook for the benefit of the school community, students' education and resources.

Randwick Boys' High School Mayor's Award

I have received a request from Randwick Boys' High School for the continuation of the "Mayor's Award" and a cash prize of \$1,000 for the recipient, which was first introduced in 2010.

The “Mayor’s Award” is granted to a year 11 student nominated by the Principal each year for outstanding achievement in citizenship, academic performance and sport. Each year, the Mayor is invited to present the award at the school. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, no guests will be invited to the award ceremonies this year. In the absence of an invitation, Council’s contribution for the “Mayor’s Award” and commitment to the school will be acknowledged at the ceremony.

The continuation of the “Mayor’s Award” represents an opportunity to demonstrate Council’s ongoing commitment to the local community, public education and its relationship with the school.

It is recommended that Council agree to the continuation of the “Mayor’s Award” for Randwick Boys’ High School with operating the award for a further period of five years at a cost of \$5,000, of which \$1,000 is to be funded each year from the Contingency Fund.

Autism Swim Dippers Program – Request for waiving of fees for Lifeguard

I have received a request for the waiving of fees relating to having a Randwick City Council Lifeguard oversee the Autism Dippers Program each Saturday for two hours from 30 January 2021 to 13 March 2021.

Autism Swim is a world first charity, helping prevent drowning for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other abilities by arming swim centres, aquatic professionals and occupational therapists with specialised training, resources and support. Autism Swim is the only certifying body in the world specific to ASD and aquatics, and Autism Swim Approved providers in 15 countries. Autism Swim is leading the way in inclusiveness, diversity and cultural change.

Autism Swim were successful in receiving a waiver of fees for the beach hire of this event in the most recent Community Connect. As Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club historically cover the event’s water safety, Autism Swim did not apply for a cash component as part of their Community Connect application to cover the lifeguard costs.

For the past 4 years Dippers has been run at Coogee beach in conjunction with the Surf Life Saving Club. This year due to COVID-19, the program is being run solo as Coogee SLSC are unable to facilitate the participant numbers. Autism Swim will be working alongside council and their Surf Life Saving Volunteers in a separate timeslot on a Saturday, this plan has been approved and is supported by Council.

As such, it is recommendation that the Lifeguard fees totaling \$1,792 is waived and funded from the 2020-21 Contingency Fund.

Source of funding:

Should the report recommendation be endorsed, the financial implication to Council would be \$2,292 to be funded from the 2020-21 Mayor’s Contingency Fund and \$1,000 to be funded each year from the Contingency Fund from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2020/06574

Mayoral Minute No. MM32/20

Subject: Seeking Council approval for financial support to install solar panels on surf clubs and Wylies Baths

Motion:

That:

- a) Council provides approximately half the required financial support, to an amount of up to \$15,000 each, for Clovelly and South Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Clubs and Wylies Baths to complete rooftop solar installations at each site;
- b) this part funding is subject to each of the Clubs finding the remaining 50% of additional funding for the rooftop solar proposed on each site; and
- c) if this additional funding and Council funding enables installation of rooftop solar panels on these sites, appropriate acknowledgment of Council's support is provided.

Background:

Over the past few months, Council has received separate requests from South Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club, Clovelly Surf Lifesaving Club and Wylies Baths for the support of solar installations on their various rooftops. Requests have been made in the order of \$15,000 to \$18,000, usually reflecting amounts equivalent to around 50% of the costs associated with quotes received.

This wave of interest is partially driven by the popularity of solar PV and its benefits to each of the Clubs in terms of reducing energy costs, the community interest and understanding of available actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and, technical support being provided by our 3-Council regional collaboration which has resulted in the expansion of our successful Solar my School initiative to Solar my Club.

It is proposed that Council supports these 3 separate requests by approving an amount of up to \$15,000 at each separate location. The approval is on the basis that the Club confirms its capacity to fund the remaining costs for the quoted solar works on their rooftop, complies with installation requirements and standards and acknowledges Council contribution for the funds provided.

It is important to note that solar installation is currently underway at Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club as part of the funds approved by Council for works to be carried out. Major refurbishment of Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club is expected in the next financial year and efforts will be made to ensure an equitable consideration of solar panel installation when these works are carried out.

As a result of this coordinated and consistent approach, Council will be confident it has provided an equitable and transparent response to support rooftop solar installations on each of our surf lifesaving clubs and Wylies Baths.

Source of funding:

Funding for the solar installation at South Maroubra Lifesaving Club and Wylies Baths is provided from the renewable energy budget of our environmental program while the solar installation at Clovelly Surf Lifesaving Club will be covered by Council's capital works budget in conjunction with the existing remediation and on-site improvements underway.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2012/00581

Mayoral Minute No. MM33/20

Subject: Planning Institute Australia NSW Awards for Planning Excellence

Motion:

That Council:

- Congratulate Timothy Walsh (Council's Strategic Planner) for being awarded the "Young Planner of the Year" in the 2020 Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) NSW Awards for Planning Excellence; and
- the Strategic Planning team for receiving a commendation award for the category of Best Planning Ideas – Small Project to Council's for Council's Local Character work.

Background:

The New South Wales Awards for Planning Excellence was held on Thursday, 26 November 2020. The Awards for Planning Excellence recognise and acknowledge quality, innovation and excellence in Planning; and promote the important role of the planning profession in the creation of New South Wales built environment and stimulates public awareness of good planning.

There were 12 categories to this year's awards and Council entered nominations into two of these categories receiving a commendation and an award. They were:

Best Planning Ideas - Small Project: This Award recognises outstanding planning ideas. Randwick City Council's strategic planning team was awarded a commendation in this category for its local character work titled 'Building Randwick's Local Character Areas through a knowledge partnering approach'. This project demonstrated an innovative and original local government approach to more thoroughly understanding and developing Place Specific Character statements and actions. The spatial mapping overlay tool provides a clear evidence base from which to develop policy by integrating engagement (Vision 2040 consultation and social media analytics) and expert data.

Young Planner of the Year: This Award recognises a Young Planner who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement. The Award seeks out and acclaims a planner early in his/her career who represents balanced qualities in advocating for emerging planning professionals as well as high-quality planning outcomes in the workplace.

Council nominated Timothy Walsh, Strategic Planner. Tim started with Council in 2018 as a student strategic planner and since joining the team he has been instrumental in the development and implementation of Randwick City Council's 'Vision 2040: Shaping Randwick's Future' Council's engagement program to develop the City's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), Local Housing Strategy and Local Character Statements. The judges were impressed by his active involvement and fresh ideas in formulating the community engagement activities for Vision 2040: Shaping Randwick's Future.

In January 2020, Tim responded to a call out by Council for volunteers to assist Bega Valley Shire Council's recovery work following the devastating bushfires. He was seconded to the strategic planning team to support the Council's operations during the recovery phase. The judges commend Tim's selflessness in volunteering, particularly at such an early stage in his career. Tim's valuable contribution in Randwick and Bega demonstrates his excellent emerging communication skills and a high capacity for problem solving, qualities of an emerging leader who will shape better planning outcomes for the future.

Further information on the award nominees, winners and commendations can be found here: <https://www.planning.org.au/awards/nsw>

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2004/07882

MM33/20

General Manager's Report No. GM12/20

Subject: Coogee Rainbow proposal to support Mardi Gras 2021

Executive Summary

- A temporary rainbow walkway is proposed to be installed on the Coogee promenade providing a bold statement of Council support for diversity and inclusivity.
- The proposal would continue Council's proud partnership and support of Mardi Gras and provide an opportunity for a public display of support.
- The initiative would provide economic development and marketing opportunities for local businesses to capitalise on the initiative and run related Mardi Gras campaign such as encouraging people to stay at Coogee hotels.

Recommendation

That Council installs a temporary Coogee rainbow walkway at Coogee Beach to coincide with Mardi Gras 2021.

Attachment/s:

Nil

GM12/20

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the installation of a temporary rainbow walkway at Coogee Beach promenade to show Council's support for Mardi Gras and inclusivity and diversity.

Discussion

A practice in recent years at Randwick Council has been to host a rainbow flag raising ceremony in February as part of Council's support for Mardi Gras. The event provides an opportunity to show Council's support for the Mardi Gras values of equality and diversity.

While the event is a positive and symbolic opportunity, it generally does not generate public interest or awareness given its location at Randwick Town Hall and weekday timing.

The Communications, Infrastructure Services and Events Departments have discussed opportunities to create a stronger and more public statement of Council's support for diversity and equality. After considering multiple options, it is recommended that Council give consideration to installing a rainbow walkway at Coogee Beach.



Artist impression of proposed rainbow installation at Coogee Beach.

The practice of installing 'rainbow' items is a common approach by organisations wishing to show their support for diversity and for the LGBTQ community.

In Sydney there are some well-known examples including the rainbow steps at UNSW and the rainbow crossing in Taylor Square near Oxford Street. The City of Sydney is also proposing a permanent rainbow walkway be installed at Prince Alfred Park in Surry Hills.

At Coogee, the semi-circular steps leading down to the central beach area forms an arch shape which lends itself to the creation of a rainbow shape.

This area provides a natural amphitheater-type location suitable for a public artwork which can be interacted with, walked on and suitable for photos and selfies.

Benefits of Coogee rainbow walkway

- A strong, bold statement of Council support for diversity and inclusivity
- Installation likely to generate positive coverage on traditional and social media.

- Continues Council's proud partnership and support of Mardi Gras.
- Provides a more publicly accessible and interactive launch opportunity for Council's annual rainbow flag raising ceremony.
- The proposal dovetails with longer term Mardi Gras plans to consider additional Mardi Gras activities outside of the inner city.
- Provides an economic development and marketing opportunity for local businesses to capitalise on the initiative and use it to encourage customers to visit the area during Mardi Gras.

Installation options

The area forming the rainbow arch is approximately 4.2m wide and 47m long. The total size of the area is about 200sqm.

Council is currently considered either using a temporary paving paint to create the rainbow or large format outdoor decal stickers.

Painting option

Should the painting option be pursued, the work would be undertaken by a specialist contractor with experience installing large outdoor painting artworks.

Specialist flooring paint would be used that would comply with Australian Standards 4586 for slip rating meeting a P4/P5 level appropriate for a trafficable area such as Coogee Beach.

The area would be fenced off during works. The existing concrete would be pressure cleaned and the rainbow arc marked out. A primer and two coats of paint would be applied using the correct PMS colours to achieve the rainbow banner style.

Installation could take a number of days - but could be sped up if the works were undertaken at night.

Maintenance of the artwork would be undertaken by the specialist contractor and could be hand painted as required in areas that are wearing or to repair damage or vandalism.

Given the high volume of foot traffic on the Coogee promenade and the mixture of sun, sand, salt, wind and water – it is likely a walkway rainbow would likely only last a few weeks at best before it starts to deteriorate.

Removal of the rainbow walkway would be undertaken using a combination of grinding/soda and/or blasting with vacuums to minimize paint runoff to the beach. Sandbagging and additional staffing could be deployed to assist.

Decal sticker option

A second option being considered is the use of large, high quality and non-slip outdoor decal stickers specially designed for use on surfaces like concrete.

The sticker option would be installed in sections to create the rainbow shape and would visually look no different to a painted rainbow walkway.

Sticker installation would be quicker – taking up to 12 hours which could be done overnight or during the day – with access still permitted to part of the area for pedestrians.

The decal stickers are specially designed for highly trafficked areas and would meet Australian Standard non slip requirements.

Any damage, wear or vandalism to the artwork could be repaired by replacing individual panels – typically within 24 hours.

Removal of the entire artwork would be a simple process and would not damage the concrete footpath surface.

Consultation

The Coogee rainbow walkway proposal has been discussed with the Sydney Mardi Gras and Coogee Precinct – both of whom are generally supportive of the proposal.

Timeline

- Early February 2021 – Install rainbow
- Mid February 2021 – Launch event with Mardi Gras
- 19 February – 7 March 2021 – Mardi Gras Festival
- 6 March 2021 – Mardi Gras Parade in SCG
- March/April 2021 – review rainbow walkway and consider removing.

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.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Costing for the Coogee Rainbow walkway is likely to be in the order of \$15,000 to \$25,000 and can be funded from the current 2020-21 Budget.

Conclusion

A rainbow walkway installation at Coogee Beach would be a bold, colourful statement from Council showing its commitment to diversity and inclusivity. It could also be used as an economic development opportunity providing marketing opportunities for local businesses and generating positive publicity for Coogee. The installation would provide an opportunity for Council to further enhance its strong relationship with Mardi Gras.

Responsible officer: Joshua Hay, Communications Manager

File Reference: F2020/00646

Director City Planning Report No. CP52/20

Subject: Draft Randwick Environment Strategy

CP52/20

Executive Summary







- Randwick's Environment Strategy is one of seven informing strategies for Council and our community and represents a key component of our Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R). Each of these Informing strategies provides a conduit from the community strategic plan (City Plan), through our delivery program to our operational plan.
- The Environment Strategy will address the following outcomes over a 10-year timeframe, from 2020 to 2030 and will inform our future community strategic plan:
 - Biodiversity Conservation
 - Climate Change
 - Conserve Resources (*mainly energy, water and waste*)
 - Coastal Protection.
- The objectives and strategic approaches in our Environment Strategy detail the method of achieving these long-term outcomes and will be reviewed, and if necessary, adjusted when the operational plan is prepared each year.
- The draft Environment Strategy was endorsed at the July 28, Ordinary Council meeting and placed on public exhibition from September 2 to October 13, 2020.
- The exhibition resulted in:
 - 1225 visits to the Your Say website
 - 135 surveys completed (see below for results)
 - 67 unique written submissions
 - 529 downloads of the draft Strategy.
- The revisions to the draft Environment Strategy incorporate a number of recommended changes that seek to resolve identified issues which stemmed from the range of community submissions received. The more specific changes are discussed in this report, particularly in relation to the objectives for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change and the strategic approach relating to urban tree canopy.
- The revised draft Environment Strategy is based on substantial research, as well as the culmination of practice over the previous 16 years of investigation, implementing and reporting on the outcomes of environmental initiatives and innovations for which Randwick Council has been recognised not only across the local government sector, but through statewide, national and international award programs.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council adopts the draft Randwick Environment Strategy with adjustments made as provided in attachment 2 to this report; and
- b) authorises the Director City Planning to may make minor modifications to rectify any numerical, typographical, graphical, interpretation or formatting issues.

Attachment/s:

1.   Randwick draft Environment Strategy - Response to submissions received, Nov 2020
2.   Randwick draft Environment Strategy - proposed adjustments / changes, Nov 2020
3.   Community Consultation draft Environment Strategy

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to:

- Address all submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the draft Environment Strategy
- Detail the changes made to the draft Environment Strategy; and
- Seek Council's adoption of the draft Environment Strategy as revised.

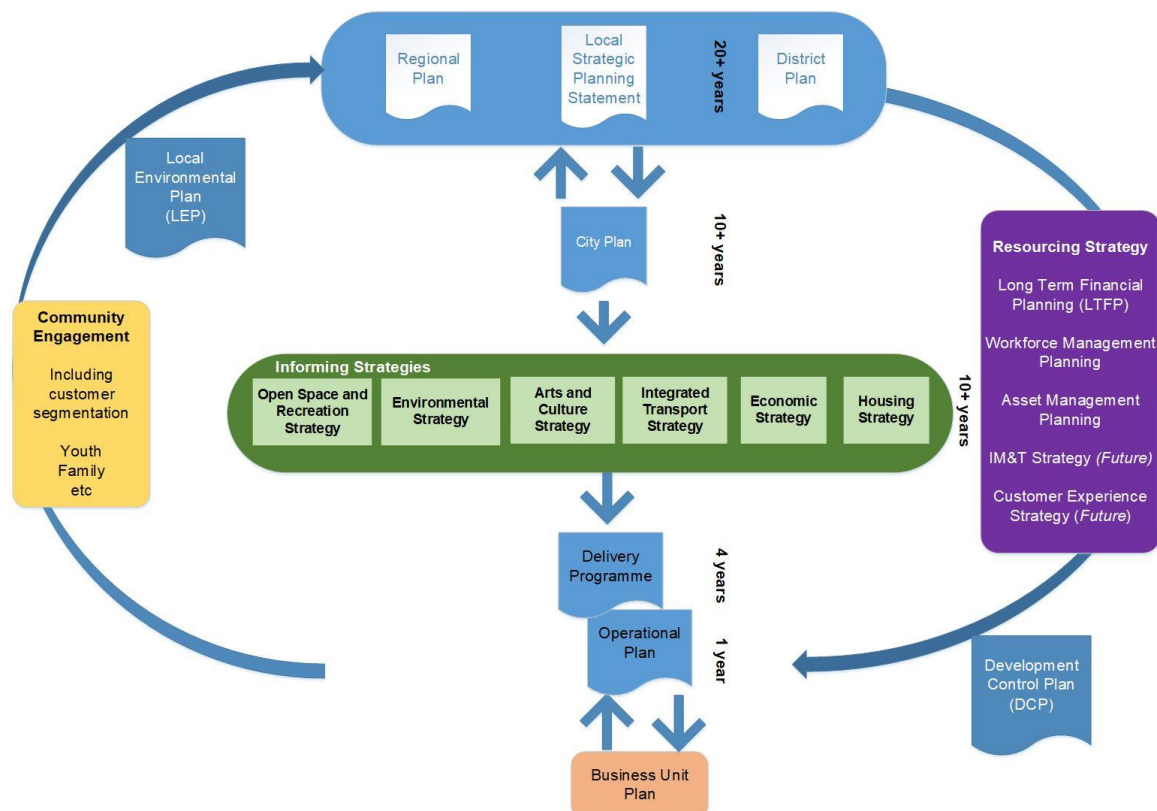
Background

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Our planning framework is based on the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework and is designed so that Council and the community both have a clear picture of:

- where we are now and where we want to go (Community Strategic Plan (City Plan) and Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)
- how we plan to get there (Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Resourcing Strategy and Business Unit Planning)
- how we will measure our progress (Quarterly, Annual and End of Term reports)
- how we will know we have arrived (Performance Management Framework).

The following diagram summarises how we are planning for Randwick City's future to ensure that our day-to-day activities deliver real and measurable benefits to our community.



The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and Community Strategic Plan (City Plan) identify the long-term priorities and aspirations of the community and provide high level strategies for achieving them. Whilst Council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing and maintaining the community strategic plan, it is not wholly responsible for its implementation. Other partners including our community, state agencies, non-government organisations and business partners are also engaged in this delivery.

The Environment Strategy is one of seven informing strategies that have been, or are being prepared as key components of our IP&R Framework, to provide a conduit from the community strategic plan (City Plan), through our delivery program to our operational plan. The informing strategies will provide each newly elected Council with a clear long-term view of the community's aspirations and ensure an integrated approach to planning and decision making that extends beyond each Council term.

Informing strategies will cover the following key areas:

- Environment;
- Housing;
- Integrated Transport;
- Open Space and Recreation;
- Economic Development; and
- Arts and Culture; and
- Community Wellbeing.

Each of the Strategies are being developed by cross-functional teams and are based on research, study, and community and partner consultation. Whilst each of the strategies will have unique outcomes, objectives and strategic approaches, they are designed to work together to comprehensively achieve all of the outcomes for our community. There are likely to be many situations when a strategic approach in one informing strategy will contribute to achieving outcomes in another strategy.

Outcomes will be reviewed every four years in conjunction with the development of Council's delivery program to ensure ongoing alignment with the community priorities and the strategic direction of Council. Objectives and strategic approaches will be reviewed when the operational plan is prepared each year to ensure ongoing relevance and progress towards the agreed outcomes.

Outcomes and objectives of the informing strategies are aligned with our current City Plan and will form the basis for our next community strategic plan. To ensure our day-to-day activities are focused on delivering these outcomes, the strategic approaches from the informing strategies will be used to develop our future delivery programs and annual operational plans

Discussion

The draft Environment Strategy contains 4 Outcomes, 6 Objectives and 32 Strategic Approaches which are underpinned by the following principles:

Principle	defined as:
Sustainable	Improve the natural and urban environment by ensuring new developments and economic and social initiatives enhance the local ecology.
Equitable	Our natural environment is maintained, protected and nurtured to best meet the needs of the present and future generations.
Inform	A community and Council that is informed and aware of the value of the natural environment and the impact of every day activities.
Partner	Work collaboratively with the community and other organisations, especially our Indigenous custodians.
Conserve	Improve and protect Randwick City's biodiversity, native habitat and natural assets.

The strategic approaches contained in the Environment Strategy detail the method of achieving the long-term outcomes.

Each of the main strategic approaches have been developed to meet SMART principles, being that they are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time dependent.

The strategic approaches will be further distilled into tangible actions with clear accountabilities through Councils delivery programs and operational plans.

Exhibition

The draft Environment Strategy was endorsed at the July 28, Ordinary Council meeting and placed on public exhibition from September 2 to October 13, 2020.

The main results of this exhibition included:

- 1225 visits to the Your Say website
- 135 surveys completed (see below for results)
- 67 unique written submissions
- 529 downloads of the draft Strategy.

During the exhibition period the following activities were undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to complete a survey or make a written submission;
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5373 residents), September 3, 2020;
- Randwick news (weekly email), September 2, September 30 and October 7 2020;
- Facebook post, October 8, 2020 (4754 people reached and 258 engagements);
- Bus stop advertising
- SCENE magazine article (Spring 2020 issue);
- The Beast magazine advertisement, (September 2020 issue);
- Listing on Randwick City Council's Current Consultations webpage;
- Presentations at Coogee, Malabar, Maroubra and Randwick Precinct meetings;
- Digital display screens at all libraries and Customer Service Centre;
- Email to Sustainability database;
- Email to all precincts;
- Councillor notification.

67 unique submissions were received in response to the exhibition invitation to residents. All formal submissions were logged and reviewed. A summary of the Community Consultation is attached to this report with additional attachments covering the full list of responses to these submissions and proposed changes to the draft Environment Strategy made as a result of submissions received.

Discussion of key issues

Some of the key issues raised in the submissions and discussed below in more detail include:

1. The need to provide baseline years for targets in order to understand the success or progress of meeting the targets set out in the Environment Strategy;
2. The need for increased 'greening' of Randwick City including increased urban tree canopy
3. The need to re-consider and / or present more ambitious targets to be met over the ten-year strategy timeframe (especially with regard to greenhouse gas emissions);
4. Questions as to why sustainable transport isn't included in Randwick's Environment Strategy; and
5. Concerns over the proposed solution for Coogee stormwater diverting water to the Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant.

1. Providing baseline years

Baseline years are provided to objectives and strategic approaches where target years are included. Many of the baseline years were selected to ensure they are recent enough to keep Council's stated goals as ambitious but realistic, and also to ensure they are based on reliable data sources.

2. Greening of Randwick and urban tree canopy

There were extensive submissions regarding the need for new plantings and the retaining of existing vegetation, especially in relation to achieving an increase in urban tree canopy across Randwick City. A number of approaches in the draft Environment Strategy have been revised in light of these submissions with the intention of achieving both short and longer-term improvements in the extent of planting and the longer-term goal of increasing urban canopy.

Importantly, the objective setting the measurable goal or target for increased planting across the City has been increased to 60% by 2030 from a 2018 baseline. The proposal is ambitious in that it will aim for an annual 6% increase in plantings of groundcovers, grasses, shrubs and trees, based on a 2018 baseline, with a focus on Council-managed land as well as supporting plantings in adjacent schools and residential areas. Discussions with relevant Council staff on the range of submissions received have led to a more detailed analysis and a more determined focus on Council's response to community concerns and their related submissions.

New plantings are intended to concentrate in areas within Council control which means other lands outside of Council responsibility will not form a key part of our focus. This includes Centennial Park, National Parks and private golf-courses although Council will consider ways to encourage or facilitate increased plantings in these non-Council controlled areas.

From submissions received, there is an understanding that urban tree canopy is a result of increased planting of new trees and / or retention of existing, established trees. However, it is less apparent that overall increases in urban tree canopy can take some years to occur depending on the type of trees selected and planted. This is exacerbated when existing vegetation, especially mature trees, are removed elsewhere within the City. So, while new plantings will contribute sooner to other more immediate benefits such as increasing habitat for living creatures or for shade purposes their contribution to increasing urban canopy may take many years to occur.

Proposed adjustments to strategic approaches (1.1) and (2.1) are aimed at enabling both the increased planting of more trees as well as increased planting of grasses, groundcovers and shrubs for their more immediate benefits. While these new plantings will initially be concentrated across the southern corridor of the City, there will be additional plantings within medians, parks, streets and adjacent areas across other areas of the City. In recognition of the time lag that occurs between the planting of trees and increases in urban canopy, it is proposed to take into account suggestions made in submissions received to be more ambitious but also to take a measurable, incremental approach to these type of plantings.

This will result in an adjustment in (2.1) to increase tree plantings in suitable areas across the City by 25% by 2025 and then by 50% by 2030, each from the 2018 baseline year. It is proposed to acknowledge the existing 40% urban canopy cover objective by 2040 set by the Greater Sydney Commission as an 'aspirational' target for Randwick. This is intended to shift the practical focus that increased tree planting will be carried out by 2030 with the aim of achieving an expansion of measurable urban tree canopy over time. In adjusting its strategic approach to this new focus but including the existing approach as an 'aspirational' target, Council is also acknowledging key constraints that exist for broadscale or mass plantings in a built-up, urban setting represented by the Randwick LGA.

To achieve this increase, it is expected that Council will take advantage of increased external grants programs as well as consider wider involvement of community and corporate volunteers in plantings over time. These strategic approaches will also be well served by increased internal funding provided for native and indigenous plantings in Council's budget up until 2024. These increased plantings are likely to require additional maintenance especially in the earlier timeframes, but plantings will be scheduled for the cooler and wetter months to minimise loss and increase vegetation survival rates. New plantings are also expected to be supported through increased opportunities in the revised Development Control Plan (DCP) from 2022 to strengthen re-planting and replacement opportunities when vegetation needs to be removed around new developments and / or alternatively when existing vegetation is retained under changes in the DCP.

There will be increased monitoring, understanding and accounting of plantings carried out across Randwick as part of the new Environment Strategy. Baseline conditions will be documented as

will a more robust reporting framework for plantings carried out. External expertise will be available to verify data collection around these strategic approaches, particularly via completion of the stage 2 revegetation priorities study for the Randwick LGA by the Institute of Sustainable Futures (ISF) at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS).

3. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions

At Council's 27 October 2020 Ordinary meeting, it was resolved:

(NM 69/20, Matson/Shurey):

"that a report be brought back on the option of augmenting Council's adopted strategic objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (measured by CO₂- equivalent) by 60% across Randwick City by 2030 by further adopting Northern Beaches Council's aspirational target of achieving "net zero emissions in our community by 2030."

There were many responses speaking generally of the need for Council to consider more ambitious targets across the issues reported in the draft Environment Strategy but perhaps the greater focus was on Council's approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Attempting to reduce overall greenhouse emissions for Randwick City, where Council itself has some influence but limited control over where many of these greenhouse emissions originate is an ambitious undertaking. Council has recognised its responsibility to contribute to the measurable outcomes of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change by committing to a 60% overall target for the LGA, by 2030, from a 2018 baseline. This target is in keeping with the aim of avoiding a 1.5 degree global temperature increase, although much of the research being carried out at the international level continues to indicate the likelihood of a current trajectory taking us to a minimum 2 degree global temperature increase.

The significant scientific consensus relating to Climate Change and its serious impacts globally and locally can be seen as a strong justification for Council to consider augmenting Council's adopted strategic target of a 60% reduction by 2030, with the aspirational target of a 100% reduction by 2030. This could be reflected in our objective in the Environment Strategy, providing an appropriate signal to governments at different levels the importance of this issue to the Randwick community. However, from the strategic perspective and being accountable for its actions, it is recommended that our delivery program and focus remains on the 60% greenhouse gas reduction goal.

Our efforts to tackle the Climate Change challenge as a Council and on behalf of our community is focused on a range of measured yet practical initiatives. These include the continuation of our partnership with the Australian Energy Foundation (AEF) to support, encourage and facilitate both solar roof top and energy efficiency take-up across Randwick households and businesses. Importantly, a new and stronger measure is underway to support these actions and outcomes for both multi- and single unit dwellings across the City through financial rebates for specific energy and water saving activities approved earlier in 2020 by Council. Although Randwick has provided similar rebates programs previously, our current program is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive rebate programs offered by a local Council across Australia.

Randwick is not only tackling the source of greenhouse emissions at the finer-grained scale of emissions from households and businesses but has commenced a project aimed at tackling larger-scale greenhouse emission sources for the City. An Emissions Reduction Strategy has recently commenced for the Randwick Collaboration Precinct comprising a partnership involving Council, NSW Health and the various hospital networks, the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), Sydney Water and Royal Randwick Racecourse (ATC). This project is aiming to establish collaborative pathways to tackle and reduce greenhouse emissions from the larger sources represented across the Precinct. This is one of the first such Precinct collaborations across metropolitan Sydney.

4. Sustainable Transport issues

One other area of substantial comment in submissions is the contribution of motor vehicle transport to greenhouse gas emissions and its omission in Randwick's Environment Strategy. As highlighted in the beginning of this report, Randwick's Environment Strategy is one of seven

Informing Strategies being developed to respond to the challenges facing our community in conjunction with our over-arching community strategic plan (City Plan).

One of those Informing Strategies is our Integrated Transport Strategy, and this is clearly where issues related to sustainable and 'active' transport will identify its contribution to our environmental goals and sustainability improvements. Our Informing Strategies will support and overlap outcomes and objectives of other strategies so that we avoid duplication of approaches. It is intended to keep the Integrated Transport Strategy as the key focus on how these sustainable and active transport solutions will be implemented across our City under the comprehensive approaches adopted in our community strategic plan and Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

5. Coogee Stormwater improvements

While there were a number of submissions complimenting the approach identified for addressing the key water quality concerns from stormwater run-off impacting Coogee beach, there were equal concerns in the expectation that this run-off would be diverted to Sydney Water infrastructure at their wastewater treatment plant at Malabar. Stormwater run-off as part of this strategic approach is not going to Malabar at all, and instead is intended to utilise a disused pipe for dispersing stormwater beyond the waters off Dolphin Point.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

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

Resourcing Strategy implications

Randwick's Environment Strategy is under-pinned by Council's Environmental Program approved for the period 2019-2024. This provides a level of resourcing for Council's sustainability initiatives and environmental improvements of approximately \$4.7M in 2020-21.

Policy and legislative requirements

Randwick's Environment Strategy has been prepared as one of 7 informing strategies of Council's community strategic plan and is aligned with our recently approved Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and Operational Plan for 2020-21.

Conclusion

Following the longer exhibition timeframe for public comment and submission on Randwick's draft Environment Strategy, submissions received have been considered and where appropriate incorporated into a revised version of the strategy for approval by Council.

The strategy represents a comprehensive approach to the environmental challenges facing our community and Council over the next 10 years. Although there is certain to be changes and solutions to some of these challenges, Randwick's Environment Strategy is intended to demonstrate our commitment to dealing strategically to the priorities reflecting community and Council expectations over the decade to come.

Our Strategy also makes our actions and outcomes accountable and transparent to our existing residents and those who will choose to make Randwick City their home in the future.

Responsible officer: Peter Maganov, Manager Sustainability

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**Randwick's draft Environment Strategy,
Response to submissions received, Nov 2020**

No	Comment received	Integration / response within strategy context
1	<p>I would like to see the connectivity outlined in 1.1 extended to include the entire coastal area from La Perouse to Clovelly..so after Malabar Headland National Park add "and other coastal bushland or bush regeneration areas from La Perouse to Clovelly".</p> <p>I would like to see East, West and North wards added to 1.3.</p> <p>I would like to see the following added to 1.4 "and implement strategies to maintain and where necessary restore the density and extent of threatened and non threatened native flora and fauna species."</p> <p>I would like to add 1.9 Implement a policy of planting native plants (preferably local but also wider Australian species) in the coastal strip alongside streets and footpaths and in public parks instead of cacti and other exotic plants.</p> <p>I would like to add 2.1 " by increasing the current tree canopy coverage across the Randwick LGA by 25 % by 2025 and 50% by 2030.</p>	<p>Additional plantings to be identified across other areas of Randwick City</p> <p>To be added</p> <p>This is already Council's practice (enquiry to follow-up reasons why this may have occurred).</p> <p>Consideration to be given to this although target is currently set by Greater Sydney Planning Commission.</p>
2	Excellent. Hopefully all targets will be reached	Appreciation noted.
3	The natural environment in coastal Randwick is infested with Bitou bush and Lantana. Randwick Council is probably the only local authority in Sydney to allow this environmental neglect. Why?	Explanation to be provided on importance of progressive removal as these pest plants provide important protection for small birds, reptiles, insects.
4	The major greenhouse categories per LGA (Waverley, Randwick and Woollahra) are about 50% electricity and 13-15% waste. Council needs to focus on using the levers that it controls. You need to use waste contracts to reward/incentivise us to massively reduce our waste. If we do not cut our waste it will be burnt in incinerators. Regarding electricity, instead of giving public money to private homes to install solar panels for private benefit you need to be either investing in neighbourhood generation, that way all of us benefit from the rates that we pay you to look after our community. Or, alternatively, you need to follow Hobart City's lead, buying excess power from individual households at fractionally above the market rate and then selling it to the local community at cost. You also need to monitor the loss of canopy and green space through the imposition of multi-dwelling units. Our canopy cover is woeful; rampant infilling is exacerbating the problem. You also need to ask yourselves, everytime you push another "community development" eg south Maroubra amenities, whether it will be affected by the wild and unpredictable climatic changes that are now starting to	<p>Council is currently taking action across many areas of control and influence through measures including partnerships with Australian Energy Foundation and our Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Council electricity.</p> <p>Our new waste contract is taking into consideration the benefits of the new roll-out of FOGO to all dwellings across the City.</p> <p>Council is not currently considering a practice reportedly underway via Hobart Council to buy household's excess energy.</p>

	take effect due to greenhouse. And will pay to rebuild/repair it? You cannot assume that in future people will have the capacity to keep paying ever increasing rates. COVID has demonstrated that climate change will destroy old economic certainties. Like bushfire victims, we may find ourselves having to rebuild after increasingly fierce storms.	Planning provisions for replacement of vegetation is to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP) Heightened attention to Climate Change is the intention of Outcome 2 of the Environment Strategy.
5	Council rates should be reduced so ratepayers can use the money to buy renewable energy directly from Energy Retailers.	Householders are being supported to consider opportunities for renewable energy and energy efficiency through our partnership with Australian Energy Foundation. Consideration is underway to encourage householders to consider GreenPower opportunities.
6	The draft should promote the use of green roof spaces. Green roof spaces can add additional space for native plants and wildlife without taking up additional land. This would include the council's support for the use of empty garage roof surfaces that can be converted into green roofs. The density of Randwick offers many blank garage concrete roof spaces (especially all those garages at front of houses offering off street parking). These ever increasing structures could be built including green roofs; rebuilt to incorporate a green space or adapted to incorporate a green space.	Randwick's Green Infrastructure Plan is considering rooftop greening opportunities. Increased biodiversity measures in the Environment Strategy are currently focused on terrestrial planting rather than structural planting for individual households but this could be a consideration in a future review of this Strategy.
7	Good start but a glaring omission is emissions from transport. There are not targets or even a strategy for transitioning Council vehicles to zero emission. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are quieter and cheaper over their lifetime than conventional vehicles, yet I cannot see any mention of them. EVs are available in every category now, including heavy waste collection vehicles, buses, light commercials and passenger cars. Council needs to get on with a replacement program quickly. I would suggest a target date of end 2021 to have the Council fleet totally EV.	A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.
8	A great start! How about setting a goal for an increase in local and longer distance cycle trips, and encouraging this: More cycle parking at shops / beaches hospitals (very few at Royal Randwick, hardly any at the Hospital) and more cycle paths. Pop up cycle servicing, promoting local cycling businesses etc	A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.
9	The plan looks fantastic, thank you to everyone concerned, but there is a glaring omission: there MUST be a policy to REDUCE car use and ENCOURAGE sustainable (buses, trams, trains) and active (cycling, walking) transport, thank you!	A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.
10	I am at a loss as to how RC proposes an Environmental Strategy when they keep approving dense housing in the area and the building of high rises in Kensington where there is a restriction of 6 floor storey buildings. How do you propose to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage when the only shade we will be experiencing will be that of concrete jungles without tree coverage in site. RC should be ashamed with all the approved developments in the area for so called housing. No one in the area wants it other than the greedy developers that continue to destroy Sydney.	Further communications to be provided on the planning and population targets set by the NSW Government for Sydney Councils.

11	<p>Broadarrow Reserve would be a good place to start with planting trees. Approximately 12 trees were taken out a couple of years ago and never replaced.</p> <p>Broadarrow is the only open space I know of that we can walk around with shade. Would it be possible to create another open space with shade trees around the perimeter so we can walk/exercise comfortably in summer? As Broadarrow is a dog park perhaps the next one could be a non-dog open space please?</p> <p>I know population is not a council matter but if we are serious about climate change we need less development, fewer humans and more green space. RCC needs to push back on the government's policy of growing the population. With the economy going backwards the Federal government will be even more reliant on population growth for GDP and council should be prepared.</p>	<p>Randwick's Environment Strategy is looking to increase plantings around our various parks and playing fields.</p> <p>Further communications to be provided on the planning and population targets set by the NSW Government for Sydney Councils.</p>
12	<p>There is nothing about reducing the amount of pollution from cars. In other words, build better access to public transport and improve the cycling options which are pretty ordinary. We also should be aiming to make Heffron Park and other council parks as good as Centennial Park so that less people drive out of our suburb to attend the park.</p>	<p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p>
13	<p>My concern is that there are often lots of grand statements about conservation, and yet the reality on the ground is that developers regularly lodge applications that involve the removal of trees, and use their lawyer-power to get their way. The exception should not be the rule. Stand by your statements and your guidelines.</p>	<p>Planning provisions for replacement of vegetation is to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP) as per section 1.5 in the Environment Strategy.</p>
14	<p>1. The tree canopy campaign should include planting of flowering trees (such as Illawarra Flame tree Brachychiton) on all nature strips, footpaths, walkways and in Parks, to add a bit of colour to a concrete dominated landscape throughout Randwick.</p> <p>2. Supply additional parking and force new Unit developments to supply one parking space per bedroom</p>	<p>Randwick's Street Tree Masterplan continues to provide advice on local tree species for planting across our City.</p> <p>There are planning provisions to be met for parking spaces in new developments.</p>
15	<p>The council needs to ensure their business operating model is also in step to deliver and support these initiatives. This means actively managing its resources and people and not relying solely on additional rate increases to fund these measures. A sustainable strategic approach to managing the council resourcing needs to be a key part of the success of the Environment Strategy. Otherwise we will end up with a bloated, inefficient organisation struggling to deliver this strategy in the time frames it has committed to.</p>	<p>This is currently Council's approach in the management of our budget and resources provided for environmental improvements and protection.</p>
16	<p>I think that this is a really good strategy & I would love to help make it happen. Please contact me if you think that I can help: https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-hayes-fca-29a108b/</p> <p>There are a number of great ideas, eg LED street lights should just happen, whether additional solar lights for more decorative lighting would be a secondary thought.</p> <p>However I would prefer council to focus on the bigger initiatives & then target households with information. For example council should focus on food waste from cafes</p>	<p>Appreciation noted and resident to be contacted regarding volunteer programs available including Bushcare and Permaculture.</p> <p>Roll-out of FOGO to households in 2021 should assist in this comment although contact regarding</p>

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	<p>& restaurants (in conjunction with Oz Harvest perhaps), whilst households could reduce food waste by compost bins & worm farms (so promote these, before looking at food waste collection).</p> <p>Also council should focus on stormwater collection & reuse, whether it be from parks or beaches.</p> <p>Finally council should continue to work on Solar Installations at schools & other large buildings, with ensuring minimum environmental standards for new developments or rebuilds, then promote solar schemes & rainwater tanks for households, including any relevant government incentives.</p>	<p>our existing Compost Revolution Initiative will be forwarded to resident.</p> <p>Resident to be advised on Council's stormwater harvesting initiatives as well as Solar my Schools and our partnership with Australian Energy Foundation to support residents with solar and energy efficiency including our forthcoming rebates program.</p>
17	<p>I think that this is a really good strategy & I would love to help make it happen. Please contact me if you think that I can help: https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-hayes-fca-29a108b/</p> <p>There are a number of great ideas, eg LED street lights should just happen, whether additional solar lights for more decorative lighting would be a secondary thought.</p> <p>However I would prefer council to focus on the bigger initiatives & then target households with information. For example council should focus on food waste from cafes & restaurants (in conjunction with Oz Harvest perhaps), whilst households could reduce food waste by compost bins & worm farms (so promote these, before looking at food waste collection).</p> <p>Also council should focus on stormwater collection & reuse, whether it be from parks or beaches.</p> <p>Finally council should continue to work on Solar Installations at schools & other large buildings, with ensuring minimum environmental standards for new developments or rebuilds, then promote solar schemes & rainwater tanks for households, including any relevant government incentives.</p>	<p>Duplicate entry. See above in submission 16.</p>
18	<p>A good document but importantly must also focus activities on stormwater harvesting</p>	<p>Resident to be advised on Council's stormwater harvesting initiatives</p>
19	<p>1. I have extremely low vision.</p> <p>2. Many blind and low vision choose Maroubra as their home because it offers unusual public transport options - that is - it offers in-and-out of the city, as well as across-the-city.</p> <p>3. I have been injured several times while walking and running on streets managed by Randwick Council because of trees and tree branches that obstruct the pedestrian path. This includes head strikes that have knocked me out for minutes, as well as trip hazards.</p> <p>4. Randwick Council is aware of the large population of low vision and blind people in its government area. It is also aware of the unusually large number of disabled people who live in its government area.</p> <p>5. Therefore, Randwick Council has a duty of care to make streets safe - not just for able-bodied fully-sighted people, but for all people.</p> <p>6. Randwick Council does not exercise enough care at</p>	<p>As requested by the resident, a written response will be provided on Council's maintenance program to ensure vegetation and other hazards do not impact negatively on their quality of life in our City.</p>

	<p>the moment to ensure that trees do not cause a danger to pedestrians at the moment.</p> <p>7. Since Randwick falls in its current duty of care, adding more trees will increase the danger faced by low vision and blind people living in Randwick.</p> <p>8. This will force a traditionally disadvantaged group (with unemployment over 60% and poverty rates 4 times the national average) out of the Randwick area.</p> <p>9. There is a double standard applied by Randwick Council that's worth pointing out. For example, because sighted people drive, Randwick Council exercises proper care to ensure that tree branches do not knock the top off cars while they drive along the streets.</p> <p>10. Randwick Council should apply the same standard to travelways used by less-abled persons.</p> <p>11. Because it has no plan to reduce dangers of its current policy, Randwick should halt the addition of further trees.</p> <p>12. I accept that - for sighted people - its very beautiful and nice to have trees. I love trees too. I just don't want to have to commando-crawl to get around streets to avoid injury.</p> <p>13. We should be an inclusive society. We should not increase dangers for disabled people just so something looks pretty.</p> <p>14. I love the environment. I just think it should be safe - not just for sighted people - but for all people.</p> <p>15. I would appreciate a written response addressing my concerns.</p>	
20	<p>The climate change targets are not ambitious enough.</p> <p>The focus on microplastic pollution is too narrow minded. It needs to be a much broader program (which could include microplastics if you wish). At the moment there are bigger issues than microplastics in the marine and coastal environment.</p>	<p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>A review of our initial efforts to monitor microplastics pollution will inform Council on wider or ongoing measures in relation to our water quality.</p>
21	<p>I'm surprised that Council has not integrated the UN's Sustainable Development Goals into environmental policy. This is a missed opportunity.</p> <p>From reading the strategy I'm sure the aspiration is fine, but I am concerned that there's too many 'investigate', 'research', 'review', 'explore' instead of actual actions.</p>	<p>Good point raised and something that could be addressed in the Strategy's preamble so the SDG's are acknowledged.</p>
22 & 72	<p>This is what I wrote in my comments on the Draft Strategy:</p> <p>Many of the targets are not SMART. They need to have measurable targets as targets with like words like research or partner with, without a SMART target are not good enough.</p> <p>I applaud the actions which have SMART targets like 20% by 2025</p> <p>There are no actions that specifically involve first nations</p>	<p>Acknowledge that all targets set will be based on a baseline year which will be recorded and available in conjunction with the final Environment Strategy.</p>

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	<p>people. Particularly in Biodiversity and Marine conservation aboriginal management practices should be used and owned by our first Nations residents.</p> <p>The production of a document outlining all the baseline data should be made available to allow residents to judge whether the targets have been met for all actions.</p> <p>Council clean-up services need to separate and recycle kerbside collections. I hate to see perfectly good electrical appliances and furniture being crushed together in the rubbish trucks . There is no target to change council's kerbside collection methods and to prevent landfill from this source. Please add one.</p> <p>People are lazy and will not go to the wonderful recycling centre. Why not have regular clean ups scheduled where the recycling team collects from the kerbside. Put this in the strategy</p> <p>Plastic is still a big problem in Randwick all businesses should be made to use renewable take away containers not made from plastic or plastic like products that take a long time to break down. A firm SMART target for phasing out all plastic is needed in the environmental strategy</p> <p>No more mature trees should ever be lost in Randwick City; we have lost so many due to the Light Rail debacle. A SMART target for mapping trees and retaining them is needed in the strategy</p> <p>Mapping vegetation is not conservation. 10% per year is a very small target. I agree that we should be mapping our vegetation but surely the whole council area could be mapped in a couple of years. A better target would be Map all vegetation in the Randwick council by 2022.</p> <p>Then a conservation target may be - Identify areas of high conservation value for inclusion in conservation zones in the LEP by 2025</p>	<p>First Nations communities will be invited to be involved as with communities across Randwick. It's good for us to be reminded as First Nation representatives and their communities are featured in our principles guiding our Env Strategy.</p> <p>Our Waste Operations and Cleansing team have begun to address issues related to sorting of items where possible from our kerbside pick-ups. Furniture is partially addressed through an on ongoing agreement with The Bower. Council has a Waste Management Strategy which provides greater detail in response to waste avoidance and management across the various waste streams.</p> <p>Council is not able to control how businesses might behave across all the waste and resource streams but is keen to work constructively and proactively with them to assist their involvement in the common areas of waste reduction.</p> <p>Targets are identified to retain and re-plant trees and other indigenous species although the challenges in an urban environment remain.</p> <p>The intention is to progressively map the vegetation as part of the broader task of understanding and better managing our native vegetation.</p> <p>This will be considered within the context of the existing approach.</p>
23	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment</p> <p>Improving our tree canopy is one of the easiest targets to achieve so its hard to understand why targets are so low and too long? We need to increase the tree canopy across the LGA in the next couple of years- the majority of the targets are not SMART. They need to have measurable targets as targets with like words like research or partner with, without a SMART target are not good enough.</p> <p>Actions which have SMART targets like 20% by 2025 are positive</p> <p>We need more Indigenous input into environment and conservation. Particularly in Biodiversity and Marine conservation aboriginal management practices should be used and owned by our first Nations residents. One example is hazard reduction.</p> <p>A document outlining all the baseline data should be made available to allow residents to judge whether the targets have been met for all actions.</p> <p>Council clean-up services need to separate and recycle curbside collections. I hate to see perfectly good electrical appliances and furniture being crushed</p>	<p>We wish we could deliver on all our targets and all of our environmental priorities in shorter timeframe, however budget and other resource constraints exist, combined with planning, delivery and implementation. These are realities that we work with across many of the issues dealt with by Council on behalf of its community.</p> <p>Acknowledge that all targets set will be based on a baseline year which will be recorded and available in conjunction with the final Environment Strategy.</p> <p>First Nations communities will be invited to be involved as with communities across Randwick. It's good for us to be reminded as First Nation representatives and their communities are featured in our principles guiding our Env Strategy.</p> <p>Our Waste Operations and Cleansing team have begun to address issues related to sorting of items</p>

	<p>together in the rubbish trucks . There is no target to change councils curbside collection methods and to prevent landfill from this source. Please add one.</p> <p>The most important service council offers is a rubbish collection- regular clean ups scheduled where the recycling team collects from the footpath.</p> <p>Plastic is still a big problem in Randwick - I am regularly picking up rubbish from gutters and the beach in Coogee all businesses should be made to use renewable take away containers not made from plastic or plastic like products that take a long time to break down. A firm SMART target for phasing out all plastic is needed in the environmental strategy</p> <p>Increased development that have no green aspects like green walls/rooves or solar panels are outdated.</p> <p>Developments need setbacks for planting and our roads need to be greened which will make them more pleasant areas to be in</p>	<p>where possible from our kerbside pick-ups.</p> <p>Furniture is partially addressed through an on ongoing agreement with The Bower. Council has a Waste Management Strategy which provides greater detail in response to waste avoidance and management across the various waste streams.</p> <p>Council is not able to control how businesses might behave across all the waste and resource streams but is keen to work constructively and proactively with them to assist their involvement in the common areas of waste reduction.</p> <p>Planning provisions for retaining and replacement of vegetation as well as energy saving infrastructure is to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP) as per section 1.5 in the Environment Strategy.</p>
24	Cost to ratepayers	These programs are conducted within Council's existing budget reported on an ongoing basis to our community.
25	<p>The strategy is an impressive array of approaches but lacks an overall model.</p> <p>The International Union for Conservation of Nature, category V, 'Protected Landscape/Seascape', may serve as a suitable strategic framework or model.</p> <p>I would like Randwick Council to model its environmental strategy in accordance with the articulated Category V approach. This may entail protecting a marine park stretching along the full coastline. This entails broader sewerage/stormwater control, flora and fauna protection and sustainable interaction between the natural environment and human population.</p> <p>(https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/about/protected-areas-categories/category-v-protected-landscapes-seascape)</p>	<p>This is not currently the approach adopted with the preparation, implementation and accountability of Randwick City Council's Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Many of the management issues identified are outside Council's direct control. This approach will be examined in some detail to test its application in how our strategy is implemented into the future.</p>
26	<p>After reading the Survey, I was very glad that Randwick Council have some really good thinkers and smart science in the Team... the lists of options was very hard to select one over the others...</p> <p>In almost all of the headings I could see good situations and excellent choices... you are doing a terrific job in presenting this as a way of improving the whole of our area... I would have ticked all the boxes because they all made good sense...</p> <p>Do the best you can to get all of the Councils in all of Oz to follow suit on your programs...</p> <p>Keep at it and keep letting us know what you are trying to do...</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Resident for over 30 years</p>	Acknowledgment noted with appreciation.
27	<p>Further Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase, promote & mandate rooftop gardens for all buildings that can host these • Also mandate water collection from such rooftop gardens for intra-building use • Explore the potential of using waste biomass to create "biochar" – this is a powerful way to capture carbon, as well as creating product that can be sold to nurseries, 	<p>Randwick's Green Infrastructure Plan is considering rooftop greening opportunities commencing with K2K planning.</p> <p>Council continues to work with its residents on water saving opportunities which include supporting rainwater tank installation where practicable.</p>

	<p>agriculture, or used in Council Gardens, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To start that exploration, one book is: "Burn: Using Fire To Cool The Earth." Bates; Albert & Draper; Kathleen o Two-barrel charcoal retort – a safe way to produce charcoal http://charcoalkiln.com/two-barrel-charcoal-retort-safe-produce-charcoal/ • Explore and implement the use of mini cylindrical wind-turbines that can be placed on rooftops, and even balconies. Are being used in Europe. Small, compact, take little space, yet can complement energy produced by solar <p>Create "community garden plots" as they do in Europe, where people can rent/use a small part of a larger site to grow their own food. Some people excel in growing certain crops; let them do so and barter/swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create inter-connected mini solar grids within a suburb, where each house in a village/suburb has solar panels and are interconnected with each other to sooth our electricity use, and create a more stable overall electricity supply for that small, independent area, which can also become independent from the main electricity grid. Yes, I know the electricity companies won't like it, but self-sufficiency for power – (supplemented by mini, cylindrical wind turbines) – has much going for it. 	<p>Biomass opportunities for biochar have been raised previously but a consistent city-wide service for residents is an essential first priority.</p> <p>Small scale wind turbines are not currently in our mix of renewables or energy saving measures, due in part to the greater efficiency and ready access of solar technology.</p> <p>Community gardens are encouraged and facilitated by Council but the current policy has a focus on responding to such gardens identified by interested residents.</p> <p>This is a proposal attempted by a limited number of metropolitan Councils that Randwick has been looking into over some years. The constraints placed by electricity providers and the availability of technologies is not currently quite up to a ready stage of application or comprehensive investigation. It is possible the next review stage of this Env Strategy may enable a more thorough examination and consideration of this potential solution.</p>
28	<p>As a long-term Coogee resident, I welcome Randwick City Council's commitment to sustainability and our local environment.</p> <p>I've read Council's draft Environment Strategy and while I am not a scientist or planning expert, it appears to outline some reasonable environmental measures. To be honest, when completing the survey, I had difficulty limiting my choices to two to three measures. Why can we adopt all of them?</p> <p>However, I was curious about the targets set as part of these measures. For instance, in the section on 'Biodiversity Conservation', you've said the target is to increase by 30 per cent the number of native and Indigenous plantings across the LGA. Why 30 per cent? Why not a bolder target? I'd love to know more about all of the targets Council has set and how you landed upon them.</p> <p>When it comes to public spaces, Council has a great opportunity to converse Indigenous plant species and generate more natural habitat for local wildlife. I've noticed in recent years a shift towards trendy exotic plant species in Council's landscaping. I'd love to see Council move to use Indigenous plant species exclusively in its landscaping. By doing this Council has an opportunity to increase the chances of survival of our Indigenous plant species and extend the natural habitat of local wildlife that currently find refuge in the small strips of native scrub and bushland in the LGA.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the Strategy.</p>	<p>Although our survey requested residents identify their top 3 approaches, it is Council's intention to adopt and implement all approaches identified in the Env Strategy.</p> <p>With the increased interest and concern around biodiversity conservation and planting opportunities across the City, consideration will be made to increase our planting target.</p> <p>Randwick's Street Tree Masterplan continues to provide advice on local tree species for planting across our City.</p> <p>Much of our native and Indigenous planting is aimed at exactly improving habitat for native fauna including small birds, insects and reptiles.</p>
29	<p>The strategy is heading in the right direction but many of the objectives must be, and can easily be, far more ambitious. We don't have the luxury of time to reduce per capita waste generation by only 10% in the next 10 years or to take another 30 years to increase tree canopy cover by 40% or to take another 10 years to</p>	<p>We wish we could deliver on all our targets and all of our environmental priorities in shorter timeframe, however budget and other resource constraints exist, combined with planning, delivery and implementation. These are realities that we work</p>

	<p>achieve a 30% increase in native and indigenous plantings. This is dragging the chain and doing a great disservice to both our local area and planet.</p> <p>Regarding Council operations, I believe it is incumbent upon Randwick Council to follow the lead of the more proactive Councils in Australia that are currently on target to meet zero emissions at a much earlier date than your proposed strategy.</p> <p>A couple of specifics: when replacing street lights with LEDs, please ensure the globes are a 'warm' colour to reduce the deleterious effect of night lighting on insect populations, and when using recycled materials for roads and footpaths please ensure they are a porous material to reduce runoff and the consequent expense of stormwater systems.</p> <p>I've mentioned Julia Watson's book 'Lo-Tek: Designs by Radical Indigenism' to Council before. It details many global examples of local government and community initiatives in good environmental and climate management and would be highly pertinent in informing your environment strategy.</p>	<p>with across many of the issues dealt with by Council on behalf of its community.</p> <p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>This is the case in the LED replacement technology selected for Randwick streetlight replacement.</p> <p>Recycled material in our roadways are currently on a trial basis but this will be considered when talking of the trials to our re-surfacing contractor.</p> <p>Consideration will also be made of providing this reference publication in our sustainability collection at our library.</p>
30	<p>I am very happy to see the goal to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040. Please ensure that there are greater protections to prevent removal of mature trees that are not endangering people or property. If only threatening property, it would be good to have stronger mitigation plans rather than moving directly to removal. I'm aware that there are mature trees in the council area that have been removed under very tenuous reasoning. Please implement programs to STRONGLY encourage greater planting in public and private domains, and provide assistance for selecting appropriate trees including small trees (<7m) for backyards. A publicly viewable council street tree register would be very helpful as well for people to identify different tree types that might be suitable for their needs. It's currently difficult to know which trees are suitable and how big they will grow.</p>	<p>Planning provisions for replacement of vegetation is to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP)</p> <p>Randwick's Street Tree Masterplan continues to provide advice on local tree species for planting across our City (consider additional communication advising the development and application of this masterplan to our residents).</p>
31	<p>Keep aiming towards, reuse, recycle, less waste, create jobs in these sectors and offer incentives for local residents & businesses</p>	<p>This is the intention in all of Council's strategies, policies and programs.</p>
32	<p>Streets: Can you please green the streets e.g. with more trees and plants. As the City of Sydney has done.</p> <p>Cycling: Can you please build a safe cycling network. As the City of Sydney is doing. Some streets with separated cycleways. Other streets could be slowed to bike speed and designated as 'Quietways' (as they call them in the UK) or 'bike boulevards' (as they're called in the US.)</p> <p>Liveability: Please apply the thinking of Jan Gehl - who says if you're kind and gentle to the cyclist and the pedestrian you get a sustainable city, you get a safe city, you get a more attractive city and you get a healthy city. https://soundcloud.com/environmentshow/jan-gehl</p>	<p>Comments noted with appreciation.</p> <p>On street planting, cycling and liveability, these are the intentions of our Env Strategy now and into the future.</p>

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33	<p>It's great to see Randwick Council's draft Environment Strategy. In my view, there is a key area missing in the Climate Change section, which is sustainable transport. I think Randwick Council should be seeking to maximise zero carbon transport by constructing cycleways, reducing parking and facilitating walking, cycling & bus transport to local schools. I would also like to see more ambitious targets for moving towards zero carbon in Randwick including sourcing all power from renewables for households and businesses and phasing out natural gas.</p>	<p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p> <p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p>
34	<p>The draft Environmental Strategy is commendable. Along with changing street light bulbs to LED, I would like to suggest consideration be given to reducing the number of street lights. Street and city lights make a huge contribution to light pollution which has a disruptive impact on natural cycles and nocturnal animals. There have been several studies which show reducing street lights does NOT have a negative impact on night visibility or criminal activity. In many streets, there are excessive numbers of street lights. Reducing them would not only reduce costs to council but also have a very positive impact on the environment.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to the potential of reducing the number of streetlights into the future.</p>
35	<p>I think it's fantastic that Randwick is making an effort to support the environment. Unfortunately, many residents still don't seem to be educated or motivated enough to participate properly in the current recycling programs which leads to a lot of contamination in our recycling bins. If we just introduce food waste collection on top of existing recycling, the contamination issue is likely to worsen. Continuing education about what can and can't go into the recycling bins is needed as well as clearer signage on the actual bins. Aiming high, it would be terrific to have just one bin and then get all rubbish sorted after collection. That would take away the guesswork for users. Is something like this on the radar?</p>	<p>Recycling and waste education of our residents continues to be a high priority of Council's waste programs.</p> <p>There is no consideration of a single bin collection service for residents. There has been a determined effort across local government to offer consistent and transferable collection and recycling service in keeping with NSW Government requirements.</p>
36	<p>Congratulations on this draft strategy, in particular your choice of four outcomes. I commend many of your approaches, however I feel some lack ambition e.g. reducing GHGs by 60%. Why not net zero by 2050 as with some other councils (e.g. City of Sydney) and many institutions in line with the Paris Agreement? One method of climate change mitigation which could help with this reduction is the introduction of electric garbage trucks. Randwick council could lead the way in this as they have done so in Sutherlandshire. I really feel you could be significantly more ambitious in your targets with SMEs in particular in reducing their GHGs and reduction of single use plastics. The waste generation target needs to be much higher – at least requiring a 60% reduction to make it even worth mentioning. It's great that there is some focus on sustainable developments, however what about retrofitting older buildings so they are more environmentally and economically sustainable? As someone who works in sustainability, I feel that there is a good skeleton strategy here but it needs significantly more meat in order to be genuinely proud of it.</p>	<p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>A 60% reduction target is the primary aim of our FOGO roll-out to all residents in early 2021. Other recycling and waste targets are set by NSW Government legislation.</p>
37	<p>It is certainly worthwhile to increase tree canopy and look at alternative energy sources. However the Strategy primarily consists of a generic motherhood statements about "exploring" options with</p>	<p>There is a comprehensive and diverse range of environmental issues being tackled in Council's Env Strategy.</p>

	<p>very little concrete action plans.</p> <p>The main problem in the area is overpopulation and increasing development which Council is not addressing.</p> <p>Council should also look at measurements of local air quality relating to traffic congestion (and increased use of woodburning stoves in winter). It is not sufficient to rely on the EPA measurements for local air pollution as the EPA deliberately sites monitors away from any roads or other local air pollution sources.</p> <p>Allowing huge numbers of people (tourists and residents) post COVID into natural areas even if providing walkways will continue degrade the natural environment.</p> <p>Fred Hollows Park is an unknown natural gem of remnant bushland that Council should look after better.</p> <p>There is often rubbish everywhere, and the signs pointing out natural features should be upgraded as they have faded badly.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that resources and time will not readily allow all of the issues and their potential solutions to be implemented all at the same time. Often Council's choice of actions and activities to undertake, particularly in a specific strategy is around those that Council has greater control or responsibility. Population remains outside of these specific choices as does the wider control of air pollution sources such as motor vehicles and wood heaters in urban environments.</p> <p>The issue of litter in Fred Hollows Reserve will be brought to the attention of staff as will the faded signage along the trail.</p>
38	<p>I agree with most of what is proposed and it is good to see the Council being so proactive. What I do not understand however is that on a daily basis we see the local environment degraded by unsuitable developments. By unsuitable I mean massive high rises which add to congestion and which buildings appear to go to the boundaries of the properties they are on.</p> <p>Trees and bushes disappear. From the environmental impact statements I have seen it seems most trees are diseased and need to be replaced, a very convenient argument indeed. These trees are then replaced at best by wispy plants and there is no room for big trees.</p> <p>Whilst the Council is working towards 40% tree canopy cover that seems to be out of the main built up areas. I can see for example in the area of Coogee valley (Ritchard and Pauling Avenues) developments getting bigger and bigger and covering whole plots. The tree canopy has definitely shrunk. Even when people get rid of trees there seems to be no concerted effort to make them put them back, they are told to but they do not. And this is repeated ad nauseam as you go around the area. Perhaps there should be better follow up system to make sure trees are replaced as well. Thanks</p>	<p>It may seem not to be the case but Council is constantly seeking a balance in the size, scale and design of development that takes place across the City.</p> <p>In a planning context, Council's view and decision-making is not the only view applied in permissions provided.</p> <p>However, Randwick's Street Tree Masterplan continues to provide advice on local tree species for planting across our City and more stringent planning provisions for replacement of vegetation are to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP)</p>
39	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While EV policy good it needs to be upgraded and updated to ensure installation of public superchargers (fee based) 2. Aim to have all Council vehicles using sustainable energy by 2025. 3. Improve cycle path network. 4. Plant native fruit trees in public areas and make available to residents for verges and private gardens. 5. Raise resident awareness of Indigenous environmental history and practices. 	<p>Council continues to look for opportunities to extend public electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the City. Superchargers are not currently in that mix and may be led by others in the short term.</p> <p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be incorporated in the Env Strategy.</p> <p>Randwick's Street Tree Masterplan continues to provide advice on local tree species for planting across our City but a question will be raised on the applicability of fruit or nut trees being planted in the public domain.</p> <p>The idea of increasing awareness of Indigenous practices and history will be considered in our range of educational activities.</p>
40	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I thank the GM, the Councillors, Peter and his team for this strategy. Without a strategy good intentions are ad hoc and may even conflict. 2. I endorse too the acknowledgement that the accumulation of little things can make a big 	<p>Acknowledgment noted with appreciation.</p>

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<p>difference; and that education and persistent is most likely to bring about the broad based behavioural changes required to impact our collective footprint.</p> <p>3. (My opinion is that) Our State government and certainly our Federal government could do much more to improve our environment. City council level has better direct control. We may also hope that these efforts, costly as some may be, are noted politically and the sentiment towards environmental prioritising improves.</p> <p>4. I love:</p> <p>a. that new developments will be required to enhance the local ecology;</p> <p>b. acknowledgement to generational equity;</p> <p>c. working to improve and protect native habitat and natural assets.</p> <p>5. Change of necessity does create conflict as new ways are introduced e.g. Introduction of new bicycle lanes – which encourages bicycling and reduces car movements but does anger some car drivers who feel they have lost out in terms of road space and parking. Education particularly about the long term benefits to help the recalcitrant is essential.</p> <p>6. Manage Conflict: Remnant Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.</p> <p>a. I note the goal of preservation/enhancement of biodiversity in particular RESBS and the fauna it sustains.</p> <p>b. I highlight that it is imperative to co-ordinate activities within council departments to ensure this actually happens on the ground. This will require educating and empowering as necessary council operatives and outsourced service providers.</p> <p>c. This spring we have observed harsh pruning and even razing of native flora along Beach Parade Malabar which has reduced habitat and cover for native birds nesting and left them vulnerable to attack by minor birds, magpies and the like.</p> <p>d. I know this to be a response to a resident (the complainant told me so directly) requesting pruning in accordance with a 1994 Plan of Management.</p> <p>e. Solution: ensuring the people on the ground as well as the people who despatch the work force/out-source know the bigger picture. The guys on the ground cut simply because they were told to cut...but now native birds have no native fauna in which to nest along this headland connector.</p> <p>7. Solar:</p> <p>a. The transition of Australia's power supply from hydrocarbon to renewable sources is to be encouraged – even if the Federal government subsidise elsewhere.</p> <p>b. The more we can do at a local level is to be encouraged.</p> <p>c. There are many as yet un-used solar generation sites in the RCC area. How long until RCC is able to fully offset its consumption?</p> <p>8. Conserve Resources</p> <p>a. Reusing 'waste' is unimpeachable.</p> <p>b. Turning compostable waste to compost is also commendable.</p>	<p>On managing developments, protecting habitat, cycling and traffic management improvements, these are each intentions of our Env Strategy now and into the future as well as other related Council plans, policies and programs.</p> <p>Randwick Council currently has solar on 14 of it's own sites and is proactively working across other organisations to facilitate wider solar take-up on rooftops. For the last 3 years Council has gained accreditation for its offset activities which offsets all of our own operational greenhouse emissions.</p> <p>Waste management, recycling and recovery are major goals of our waste management and</p>
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<p>c. I heard in the presentation that there was initiate to divert to "waste to energy" plants.</p> <p>i. If this is to generate methane and burn to provide power, it has my support. However:</p> <p>ii. I also heard the word pyrolysis used. Only in theory is this good. At least combusting plastic is using the source hydrocarbon twice but it is still highly GHG intense.</p> <p>d. It is well evidenced that the recombination of combustion gases in waste to energy pyrolysis inevitably produces long lasting pollutants which are distributed widely through the stack (at whatever height) and ultimately into the ground and water systems.</p> <p>e. If waste streams are homogenous the process can be optimised to eliminate these long lasting poisons but waste streams are only ever homogenous in testing.</p> <p>f. RCC should not embark on waste to energy programs via pyrolysis – even with Veolia's slickest presentation graphs and even if EPA approved until we can be certain that the only emissions are water and CO2.</p> <p>9. Coastal Protection</p> <p>a. Gross Pollutant Traps are wonderful and to be encouraged, as is further cooperation with Sydney Water.</p> <p>b. It is medieval that our sewerage systems (SW assets) trip into storm water (RCC assets) when there is a blockage – which is an inevitable part of running a wastepipeline-network. Structurally we have created opportunities to regularly dump pollution into our bays. This also provides endless opportunity to point responsibility elsewhere and must end.</p> <p>c. The Draft Strategy does not adequately address this most serious of problems. Can the plan be enhanced to offer a solution to stop raw sewerage from ever running into our bays?</p> <p>10. Diversion of Coogee storm water to Malabar's Sydney Water WWTP.</p> <p>a. It is critical to ensure that the diversion of Coogee storm water to the sewerage streams does not result in over capacity at the Malabar WWTP.</p> <p>b. The plant regularly reaches capacity in times of wet weather from existing flows.</p> <p>c. This requires it to bypass some or all of their treatment processes resulting in partially or un-treated streams being released to the ocean.</p> <p>d. This capacity constraint is only going to tighten with Sydney's primary population growth targets being the Malabar plant's upstream catchment.</p> <p>e. It is critical that the diversion of Coogee water does not ever tip the Malabar WWTP beyond capacity as this is simply a referral of Coogee's problem to Malabar.</p> <p>f. I repeat and highlight: this wouldn't look good as a Telegraph headline....Malabar battlers get Coogee silver spoons' sh**.</p>	<p>environment strategies. A range of solutions are being investigated and applied as demonstrated by our roll-out of FOGO to all dwellings early in 2021 and the fact that this type of food waste and food organics typically makes up between 40 and 50 % of red-bin "rubbish".</p> <p>Governments around the world are investigating 'energy from waste' as a potential solution providing all other avenues of waste recovery have been implemented prior to this 'energy from waste' process.</p> <p>Council's Environment Strategy is unable in a practical context to prevent wastewater managed by Sydney Water from entering our water system but we continue to work with Sydney Water to identify and rectify local sources or problems.</p> <p>The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.</p>
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	g. The strategy should do more to address this problem structurally as written it appears to be good intentions leading to bad unintended consequences.	
41	<p>May I congratulate Randwick Council for its far-sighted Strategy. This has obviously been a lot of work, and more importantly has entailed a lot of col sectors of Council.</p> <p>Were there to be no further enhancements of this Strategy, it would be a great boon to our City. Even so, I hope some of the suggestions offered below will be of some help. I shall start with a particular Strategy, then provide a suggestion on how to make it even better.</p> <p>1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <p>It may also be feasible to develop the urban forests between these sites to enhance connectivity as well. This might be possible using two interconnected strategies: plantings along the nature stripes and other land owned by Council; and encouraging residents to put significant plants onto their properties.</p> <p>1.2 Review our partnership with NSW Department of Lands, to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential, and seek divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021.</p> <p>Some private lands also have biodiversity potential, which could add to the biodiversity of the LGA. Perhaps UNSW students of Landscape Architecture could help with a survey?</p> <p>1.6 Review the feasibility of upgrading the glasshouse facility at Council's Community Nursery by 2021, towards expanding its production potential.</p> <p>Council might also review the feasibility of the nursery selling La Trobe University nesting boxes https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/nesting-boxes</p> <p>If nesting boxes could be provided for animals that help with pollination, predation of zoonotic carriers and with fostering endemic Australian animals, this could enhance the connectivity of the local ecosystems.</p> <p>2.4 Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street_ lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum.</p>	<p>Comments noted with appreciation.</p> <p>With the increased interest and concern around biodiversity conservation and planting opportunities across the City, consideration will be made to increase our planting target and its delivery across areas of Randwick.</p> <p>This idea will be taken up with UNSW through our Sustainability Agreement.</p> <p>This idea will be considered with our Bushcare staff.</p>

	<p>Electrical energy could also be saved by ensuring street lights don't turn on during the day.</p> <p>4.1 Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) network by 2027 by installing one new GPT each year, on major drainage lines currently without existing controls, located in the east and south of Randwick City.</p> <p>Other techniques could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to encourage residents to install rainwater tanks, since these are demonstrably effective in reducing runoff during storms; and * to allow developments to have stormwater retention tanks which encourage infiltration into the soil, particularly in the sandy areas of Randwick City. (I have installed one at our place, and I'd be happy to help provide specifications, of that were desirable.) <p>4.5 Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.</p> <p>Consider installing dolphin plaques at drainage inlets to remind people that the discharges from gutters flow into our ocean.</p>	<p>Our understanding is the application of LED streetlighting technology will reduce the circumstances of lighting remaining on during daytime hours.</p> <p>Our new rebates are facilitating rainwater tank installation by residents.</p> <p>Contact to be made with resident on information that may facilitate broader stormwater retention outcomes.</p> <p>This idea will be considered with relevant staff.</p>
42	<p>Don't make Coogee beach better by making Long Bay worse! By diverting storm water from Coogee to Malabar and in turn to Long Bay will have A catastrophic on our water and lifestyle. Malabar residents are just as important as Coogee residents !</p>	<p>The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.</p>
43	<p>BIKEast is pleased to make this submission on Council's Draft Randwick Environment Strategy. We applaud and support the efforts of Council to conserve resources, reduce stationary energy use, and protect our coastlines and biodiversity. However, we believe that any serious environment strategy must include a focus on our transport networks and prioritise sustainable transport. A plan for the environment must address transportation. The NSW State of the Environment 2018 reports that while energy consumption overall has decreased over the last few years, "the transport sector continues to be the highest user of energy (45% of energy use in 2015-16)" and energy use for transport continues to rise. Improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are undermined by our continued prioritisation of petroleum-powered private vehicles in our transportation planning. From the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to the New South Wales Future Transport 2056 Plan and the Randwick Place Strategy, there is recognition that we must shift toward low-carbon transport strategies, including mass transit, walking, and bicycling. The environmental benefits of active transport go beyond energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and include reductions in noise, air, and light pollution; reduced need for impervious surfaces for traffic lanes and parking lots; and reduced roadkill and impacts on</p>	<p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p>

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	<p>wildlife. As we have seen during the Coronavirus pandemic, a reduction in automobile use and an increase in active travel creates immediate and obvious improvements in air quality, and the character of urban spaces. We request that Council's Draft Environment Strategy Outcome 2 be amended to acknowledge the importance of active transport, to consider and promote active transport in all Council actions, and to include specific targets for mass transit and active transport use and the implementation of associated infrastructure (including shared/dedicated pedestrian and bicycle pathways.) Suggested additions to Objective 2 Strategy 2.1 includes the adoption of the Greater Sydney Commission's target of 40% tree canopy. We support this strategy and suggest that Council adopt the entire text of the GSC Planning Priority E17, i.e. "delivering Green Grid connections" that will support walking and cycling. Strategy 2.3 requires that all Council plans detail climate impacts. We support this strategy and suggest that it also explicitly references 'transport analysis' as a critical component of any adopted methodology. www.bikeeast.org.au Affiliated to: Page 1 of 2 Submission on the Draft Randwick City Environment Strategy In addition to these suggested additions, BIKEast suggests the following new strategies be added with the objective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing strong mass transit, walking and cycling targets for all trips within Randwick City. • Prioritising safe and accessible routes within and between local centres in Randwick City and beyond, consistent with GSC Planning Priority E10. • Ensuring the staff travel policy prioritises the use of active transport and public transport where possible. • Developing a public information campaign on the relationships between transport choices and climate change, and include support for transport behaviour change programs. <p>Concluding Remarks BIKEast supports Council's commitment to maintaining and improving the local environment, and applaud the intent of the Draft Environment Strategy. We encourage Council to take a more assertive stance toward transport reform. Without such leadership (and political will) progress toward the goals of this Strategy will be difficult to achieve. Thank you for taking the time to consider our feedback.</p>	
44	No diversion of waste from Coogee stormwater to Malabar treatment plant - concern	The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.
45	The plans to divert storm water from Coogee to Malabar must ensure that the storm water does not cause overflow into Malabar and Long Bay. Malabar does not get the attention of some of the more high profile beaches such as Clovelly and Coogee but their improvement would not be at the expense of Malabar.	The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.
46	<p>Very positive plan, and would like to see a lot of this implemented.</p> <p>However, I have very strong reservations about 4.2 Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater to MWTP.</p> <p>I believe Sydney water have been told that MWTP is unable to cater for increases in stormwater and have requested RCC to ensure stormwater is not finding it's way into the sewage network.</p>	The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.

	<p>Before this is put in place, what mitigation will be in place in MWTP to ENSURE residents and users of Malabar Beach and Long Bay will not be adversely affected by this initiative</p> <p>If this cannot be accomplished, then the initiative fails this strategy's equitable principle, as it would cause emergency dumps directly into Long Bay, adversely affecting the residents and users of Long Bay and Malabar Beach.</p> <p>The water quality in Long Bay and Malabar Beach is continually improving from hard work by council, MWTP, Sydney Water and local residents. Implementation of an initiative that degrades that effort is strongly opposed by myself and my community.</p> <p>Should this initiative be selected, I would expect my council ensures the project decisions to be open and transparent. Publication of the solution details, it's potential impacts and solution selection criteria, and timely mandated community consultation with the detailed information made available, would be the minimum standard of conducting this project.</p>	
47	<p>There are far too many instances where it says 'review'. That takes ages and means delay, delay. And timeline is too far out. This all needs to happen in next year. It's too late for 2040.</p>	<p>We wish we could deliver on all our targets and all of our environmental priorities in shorter timeframe, however budget and other resource constraints exist, combined with planning, delivery and implementation. These are realities that we work with across many of the issues dealt with by Council on behalf of its community.</p>
48	<p>The plastics industry codes waste into seven categories based on chemical makeup for the purpose of recycling. We are told that if a number inside a triangle is stamped on our plastic containers it means that it can be recycled, in theory. Therefore, I place all my waste plastic into the recycling bin if it has a number inside a triangle stamped on it. The problem is, I feel as if I'm doing the wrong thing because there are media reports that say many of these plastics cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Section 3.2 of the of the Draft Environment Strategy talks about a recycling education campaign and I feel this would be helpful. I particularly think there should be an explanation of Randwick Council's recycling processes on their website.</p> <p>Further, (1) I suggest that the council have a section on it's website that explains what plastics it can currently recycle, how it manages to do this, how it monitors downstream processes that are not under its direct control, and list the final products that plastics are recycled into. (2) If plastics are not recycled, the website should indicate how they are disposed of or, alternatively, stored. (3) The Council could also indicate how all of the coded plastics might be recycled in theory. (4) The website should also have suggestions for industries, businesses and residents on what they can do to reduce waste, lengthen the waste life-cycle and make final waste benign.</p>	<p>This idea will be passed on to Strategic Waste for potential follow-up and communication via Council's website.</p>
49	<p>Disappointing to see such little (to no) mention of the significant role of sustainable active travel (walking and cycling) on environmental impact such as climate</p>	<p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p>

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	change. I suggest council liaise with BIKEast to improve strategies around sustainable transport.	
50	<p>LOVE LOVE LOVE this strategy, it makes me proud to be a resident of Randwick. Thank you for this great leadership and realistic, practical ways to reduce our environmental impact.</p> <p>There are two things I was hoping to see, but don't.</p> <p>1) ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING How can Randwick residents like me with no off-street parking ever replace my diesel car with an electric one? I want to see public on-street parking spaces (like those opposite my house) have pay-per-use electric car charging capability.</p> <p>2) HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY How can Randwick residents like me with old, cold houses figure affordable and effective ways to increase the energy efficiency of our homes? I don't know what to do to reduce my energy consumption, which is high.</p> <p>I'm sure there are many others in the same boat.</p>	<p>Acknowledgment noted with appreciation.</p> <p>Resident to be advised on 3 Council Regional Environment Program initiative installing public EV charging infrastructure across eastern suburbs.</p> <p>Resident to be advised on partnership with Australian Energy Foundation as per Env Strategy strategic approaches as well as forthcoming Energy Saving rebate initiative.</p>
51	<p>I support all the proposed initiatives in the draft Environment Strategy and agree the local government needs to do its part to mitigate and plan for climate change impacts. However, I wish the strategy included measures to facilitate the use of active transport (safe and pleasant walking and cycling paths) in the Randwick Council area. I lived in Randwick recently and the most negative aspect of living here was the heavy traffic combined with lack of green buffers - it meant that walking to work was unhealthy and kind of stressful due to the pollution from cars and the noise.</p> <p>I am glad the strategy includes increasing the tree cover/amount of vegetation because it makes such a huge difference to how pleasant it is to walk around a neighbourhood - the walking path next to the racecourse on Wansey and Alison Roads is now lovely despite the heavy traffic next to it.</p> <p>Additionally - this may just be a pipedream, but if there is any chance the Randwick Racecourse could be turned into a public park and nature reserve, that would be amazing. I just don't see horse racing enduring over the next century. Having this extra green space that anybody could enjoy would be transformational.</p>	<p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p> <p>Not within the scope of Randwick's Environment Strategy</p>
52	Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting our environment and the lives within it!	Acknowledgment noted with appreciation.
53	<p>I think it is a bold and comprehensive plan but there are several suggestions. The plastics industry codes waste into seven categories based on chemical makeup for the purpose of recycling. We are told that if a number inside a triangle is stamped on our plastic containers it means that it can be recycled, in theory. Therefore, I place all my waste plastic into the recycling bin if it has a number inside a triangle stamped on it. The problem is, I feel as if I'm doing the wrong thing because there are media reports that say many of these plastics cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Section 3.2 of the of the Draft Environment Strategy talks about a recycling education campaign and I feel</p>	<p>This idea will be passed on to Strategic Waste for potential follow-up and communication via Council's website (almost identical submission to no. 48).</p>

	<p>this would be helpful. I particularly think there should be an explanation of Randwick Council's recycling processes on their website.</p> <p>Further, (1) I suggest that the council have a section on it's website that explains what plastics it can currently recycle, how it manages to do this, how it monitors downstream processes that are not under its direct control, and list the final products that plastics are recycled into. (2) If plastics are not recycled, the website should indicate how they are disposed of or, alternatively, stored. (3) The Council could also indicate how all of the coded plastics might be recycled in theory. (4) The website should also have suggestions for industries, businesses and residents on what they can do to reduce waste, lengthen the waste life-cycle and make final waste benign.</p>	
54	<p>First of all, I would like to thank you for providing the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Council draft environment strategy. LGAs play a key role in addressing the major environmental challenges we face and in developing solutions to enable a sustainable model for our societies. It is therefore great to see the work that the Council has already done in this field, such as the rain water tank being installed at Maroubra beach and the upcoming FOGO, and the one it is preparing for the coming years under this new environment strategy.</p> <p>You will find in the present submission some general comments on the draft environment strategy as well as detailed comments on the broad outcomes and associated objectives and strategic approaches defined in the draft strategy.</p> <p>I hope these will be useful and thank you again for this opportunity to contribute.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>General comments</p> <p>Although the strategy seems to address most relevant areas falling under the Council's responsibilities via the 4 broad outcomes it is proposing, my general feeling is that some of the 6 broad objectives should be more ambitious and that the strategy needs some additional broad objectives.</p> <p>Whilst I agree with the importance and relevance of the objectives defined across Randwick City Council and to have the Council engaged in information and education programs to promote changes in some aspects of our daily lives across the whole community, it is equally important to see the Council continue to lead by example in its own activities. I therefore feel that the strategy should also include clear objectives and strategic approaches related to the council's own activities and impacts.</p> <p>In addition, the strategy does not seem to address the impact the Council can have through its buying power and sourcing strategy/policy in regards to the environment. If this is not the case already, could the Council add objectives aiming at having procurement practices that ensure 100% of products/services sourced are ethical and sustainable?</p> <p>Finally, transports are a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions but doesn't appear to be expressly addressed in this strategy. It would be important to see the Council take further actions to promote the use of sustainable transports and further develop appropriate infrastructure, such as additional cycle ways, bike racks</p>	<p>Acknowledgment noted with appreciation.</p> <p>This suggestion will be considered in the relevant procurement processes of Council</p> <p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important</p>

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<p>etc. to enable more people to embrace sustainable transports and reduce the use of private vehicles for day to day activities.</p> <p>Detailed comments</p> <p>1. Outcome 1 - Biodiversity conservation</p> <p>In 1.4, it is not clear, beyond the mapping of native habitat what the objective is in terms of surface area of preserved native habitat, assuming that one would like to aim for both an increase of the area of preserved habitats and an improvement of their "quality". Some quantitative objectives would be clearer.</p> <p>Although it is covered as a strategic approach in the climate change outcome, increasing the tree canopy coverage to 40% by 2040 may also be key for outcome 1 and seems important enough to be an objective on its own.</p> <p>2. Outcome 2 – Climate change</p> <p>Aiming to be a zero emission community rather than aiming for a 60% reduction (noting that the reference year is not defined) would seem more ambitious and more appropriate in view of the overall reduction that has to be achieved nationally and internationally to meet the target of keeping the increase in temperature below 2°C and ideally below 1.5°C.</p> <p>As a minimum the Council could aim for its own operation to have zero emission by 2030.</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1 the strategic approach and objective appear stronger and clearer on the website as it clearly states that the aim is to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage over the Council area rather than stating to "adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40%..." - 2.4 in addition to this great initiative, is it envisaged in parallel to review the lighting requirements to see if energy can also be saved by reducing the lighting in some areas/during certain time? - In view of the overall GES reduction objectives, I feel that 2.7 and 2.8 are not ambitious enough. - In line with general comments above, it would be good to see some strategic approach for the council's own operation (e.g. reduction of its fossil fuel consumption by X% by developing its fleet of electrical vehicle/reducing the use of its conventional fuel vehicle, etc.). - Although the council has already done some very good work around bike path, the strategy doesn't explicitly define actions/strategic approaches related to the development of sustainable transports which I believe is an important gap that should be filled. <p>3. Outcome 3 – Conserve resources</p> <p>As per outcome 2, the objective related to the reduction of the consumption of energy and water across Randwick city per capita should be more ambitious. It would also be logical to have formal objectives on this for the Council's own operation as well as objectives related to reducing the amount of waste generated by the council activities (with a target of zero waste to landfill?).</p> <p>Having embraced a zero waste philosophy for some years now, we have seen that there are huge potential for reducing our wastes with some easy wins in our daily life. Knowing how important reducing our waste is to address the environmental challenges we face, the 10% reduction by 2030 objectives (3.2) seems very limited and not up to the issues we face. On the same</p>	<p>Issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p> <p>This strategic approach will be made clearer in the purpose of 'mapping' to contribute to improved condition and management of bushland areas.</p> <p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Consideration of target amounts identified.</p> <p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p> <p>While zero waste for Council operations is considered ambitious, further communications on Council's overarching and zero emission targets will be communicated as demonstration of 'practising what we are preaching'.</p>
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	<p>token a more ambitious approach to tackling the issues related to single use plastic, and in broader terms disposable/single use items, strategic approach 3.6 doesn't seem ambitious enough.</p> <p>In addition to the initiatives listed in 3.2, developing local infrastructure to promote and facilitate reuse of products would also be important.</p>	
55	<p>Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs (CASES) has recently helped Randwick City Council increase their canopy target from 18% to 40% by 2040 to align with the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) target. However, this has not been stated as an Objective in the Draft Environment Strategy, despite what the emails inviting submissions say. Because this change is so recent, there is no Strategic Approach worked out to achieve it – 2.1 merely states the objective as a strategic approach under the Climate Change Outcome.</p> <p>In addition, there is no Objective stated for Active Transport. It has been a long-held policy of Randwick CC to encourage Cycling and Walking. This was clearly stated on the establishment of Council's CABFAC (Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee) and repeated in the recent draft Randwick Junction Town Centre (RJTC) Plan, soon to go on public consultation. This is all the more important now that there are restrictions on the use of public transport, due to COVID-19. This policy is clearly designed to reduce the amount of emissions from vehicles, which are increasingly diesel powered. Measurements of air pollution around schools during drop off and pick up times show an alarming increase. Increases in Active Transport and Public Transport, or a Reduction in Private Car Use, should be another Objective under the Climate Change Outcome.</p> <p>For a number of years, and after having been knocked off my bike a couple of times, I have been attempting to get Safe Cycling in Randwick, particularly to the RJTC, with the near-by Prince of Wales (POW) Hospital and University of NSW (UNSW), from all directions. Despite resolutions from the Randwick Precinct Committee and my being allowed by Council to join CABFAC as a community representative, I have not succeeded, and my wife forbids me from cycling to the RJTC, POW, UNSW or anywhere else except Centennial Park, close-by. The draft RJTC Plan, presented to the Randwick Precinct Committee at their recent meeting, admits the problem and has no solution, except for bike Parking (Infrastructure in Place). CABFAC admitted the problem a couple of years ago, when I submitted a document on Safe Cycle Access to the Randwick Light Rail Terminus, but refused to depart from the Randwick Cycling Plan. This was developed and mapped in 2009, with \$5M allocated for implementation. The Cycling Routes were given Priorities in 2015, after public consultation, yet none of the planned cycleways had been built or future routes marked out with cycle symbols and wayfinding signs by 2018. CABFAC did, however, suggest Council might review their Priorities for Bike Routes in 2020 to allow for missing routes from the north and south (Initiative for Bicycle Riders - Pending Item 18/19). Having failed to get Safe Cycling in Randwick, I turned my attention to Safe Walking. I noticed that Waverley not only had a safer cycling network but also had the beginning of a Green Link Network painted on the footpaths for pedestrians between Queen's Park and neighbouring suburbs. I suggested this idea to Randwick Council and was encouraged to pursue it.</p>	<p>Clarification to be sought</p> <p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p>

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<p>The idea is that walkers and joggers should stick to back streets, alleyways, avenues and reserves that are shady (up to 11 degrees cooler) and preferably away from traffic fumes (a cause of asthma and lung cancer). I have since discovered that the Green Links idea came from the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) Green Grid concept.</p> <p>However, the Green Grid concept of the GSC was envisioned for all types of active transport and designed to link green parks and reserves to town centres and beaches, where people congregate. It is flawed in three ways:</p> <p>1 It includes main roads, such as Anzac Parade and Bondi Road, which are choked with traffic (noisy and air polluted) and have parking in town centres, so that there is no room for cycleways and they are unpleasant for recreational walking. Randwick have abandoned attempts to have a cycleway down Anzac Parade through Kingsford since the Light Rail does not accommodate it. Waverley have abandoned Bondi Road and provided a safe back street route from Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach.</p> <p>2 It promotes Shared Paths, which are a problem for pedestrians and perambulators when they become busy with cyclists, and vice versa. This raises the problem of cyclists on footpaths generally, particularly around the RJTC and UNSW. We participated in an official cyclist count at the crossroads at the eastern corner of High Cross Park during a morning rush hour - about a half of the cyclists were on the footpaths rather than roads. Shared Paths should be designed to be wide enough for both pedestrians and cyclists in both directions, preferably with marked separation, like cycle lanes on roads.</p> <p>3 The Green Links may be made greener with plantings but they are rarely shaded, an essential feature for runners and walkers in summer, which is becoming half the year. The only part of the Green Grid included in my Pedestrian Green Link Network is the Coastal Walkway. Ironically, this has very little canopy, but is usually blessed by sea breezes. The Coastal Walkway should be prohibited for adult cyclists (see 2) and an alternative safe cycling route provided.</p> <p>4 The Sydney Green Grid Plan includes all existing cycleways and very little else. The Randwick LGA appears as a 'white hole' on the map, with only Anzac Parade and the existing N-S cycling route of Fern St, Mount St and Malabar Rd shown. Clovelly Road is mistakenly shown as a Green Link on one map, then corrected to McPherson Street on the next. There are no Green Links shown to the RJTC. Councils are presumably expected to develop their own Green Links and map out their own part of the Green Grid.</p> <p>I proposed a timely initiative under the 3 Councils' Climate Action Community for Impact program for CASES, BikeEast, Safe Cycling Randwick, WalkSydney, CABFAC and the 3 Councils' Sustainability Group to work on: SATIN - Safe Active Transport Infrastructure and Networks. I have also suggested that CABFAC be renamed as it has for some time been considering walking as well as cycling: it could be named ACTIFAC (Active Transport Infrastructure and Facilities Advisory Committee).</p> <p>SATIN is a strategic approach to achieving two Active Transport Objectives, which should be in the Environment Strategy under the Climate Change Outcome: a Safe Cycling Network and a separate</p>	<p>Submission to be provided to Integrated Transport for consideration in their own Informing Strategy.</p>
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	<p>Pedestrian Green Link Network for walking, perambulating and jogging. Canopy creation and Verge Gardens should be directed to the Pedestrian Green Link Network as well as to places where people congregate, such as parks and reserves and shop and restaurant strips. The two networks should only overlap where both safe cycling and separated shady walking can be accommodated, such as McPherson Street in Waverley.</p> <p>Since Waverley Council are developing a Walking Strategy, I will also make a similar submission to them for their consideration.</p>	
56	<p>I congratulate Randwick Council on taking such a positive and direct approach to improving and protecting our environment with the Draft Environment Strategy (DES). Further action could include:</p> <p>1) Climate change is causing our summers to be hotter and longer, so more tree cover will be necessary to make our city cooler (Beautiful trees, not just bushes). Section 2.1 states that the Council should adopt a target of 40% tree canopy by 2040. There are plenty of bare median strips, roundabouts and sidewalks in the municipality. This program should be front loaded so that we see the results of new tree plantings immediately.</p> <p>2) The central objective for climate change mitigation in the DES is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Randwick City by 60% by 2030. This is vital at a minimum and we could go further. Our world is made up of many small communities who will jointly tackle climate change only if they have confidence in the combined effort. We need to show the rest of the world that we are doing our part.</p> <p>3) While electric cars powered by renewable energy are the Green solution to our transport needs, Australia's adoption rate is low relative to many other countries. One reason for this is a porous charging station network. Randwick Council have been on the front foot in installing several charging stations but more can be done. Fast charging stations (50kw) make trips more feasible and queues shorter.</p>	<p>With the increased interest and concern around biodiversity conservation and planting opportunities across the City, consideration will be made to increase our planting target and its delivery across areas of Randwick.</p> <p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>These efforts are intended to continue through and external to the 3 Council Regional Environment Program.</p>
57	<p>Ref Outcome 4, section 4.2. "Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater from 1-month storm events into their infrastructure and away from Coogee Beach by 2022, to achieve a "Good" or better water quality rating as per the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Beachwatch Water Quality Program."</p> <p>I am extremely concerned that diverting stormwater from Coogee to make that beach look good, will mean diverting stormwater to Malabar treatment plant whether that plant can accommodate the additional stormwater or not. If the additional stormwater cannot be accommodated by the Malabar treatment plant then Malabar beach will suffer for the sake of Coogee beach. If this is the plan how is that fair to Malabar local</p>	<p>The proposed diversion of Coogee wastewater is not to Malabar's WWTP.</p>

	residents such as my family and friends who use Malabar beach on a regular basis.	
58	I am in support of the strategy and urge the council to go as far as they can in every way to protect the environment, respect the traditional owners of this land and their requests in every way possible	This is the intention of the Environment Strategy.
59	<p>I am writing to make a submission regarding Randwick Council's Draft Environmental Strategy which has been put before public exhibition. While the draft has considered strategic actions to solve or reduce environmental impact, we note that at this stage detailed actions points with regards to how Council will - "Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO2 equivalent) across Randwick City by 60% by 2030." are not outlined. While we understand this to be a high-level strategy document, we would like to provide comments on the potential role of carshare as a strategic tool.</p> <p>We believe that the strategy would benefit from adding an additional action item, 2.10 to the draft environmental strategy:</p> <p>to "reduce overall transport emissions within the LGA and those released by Council's own transport use".</p> <p>Transport is Australia's third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions (96MtCO2e per year, 17% of total emissions) (Australian Government 2017a). Transport emissions have grown more than any other sector, increasing nearly 60% since 1990 (Australian Government 2017a).</p> <p>Privately owned cars are responsible for roughly 50% of all transport emissions in Australia. Carshare is in a unique position to be able assist with reducing these emissions as the service acts almost as an opt in road user charge, presenting individuals with the true cost of car travel. As such carshare members have been found to reduce the total number of km's they drive by up to 50% (Phillip Boyle & Assoc, 2016)</p> <p>Vehicles in professional carshare fleets are also much newer and more fuel-efficient than the average vehicle. They emit fewer greenhouse gases and fewer urban air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides. So, in addition to driving less overall, a car share driver will consequently produce fewer emissions per kilometre than the average private driver. Increased uptake of car sharing will contribute to the realisation of Council's target of reducing greenhouse emissions by 60% by 2030</p> <p>Supporting the role of Carshare in solving transport emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carshare reduces overall emissions of members through reduction of driving. • Consideration of new ways of providing carshare - such as cars at public transport hubs - can further reduce the amount of km's driven by incentivising public transport use for the bulk of a journey. • Further support for carshare through promotional avenues options, as well as adhering to the environment strategies goals of equity by ensuring fees charged to private vehicles are equivalent to carshare. <p>In addition to the opportunities carshare provides to support Council in its goal of reducing overall</p>	<p>Action Plan for key activity areas to be prepared</p> <p>A strategic approach related to sustainability transport is to be included but this very important issue will be incorporated into the Informing Strategy on Integrated Transport.</p> <p>Submission to be provided to Integrated Transport for consideration in their own Informing Strategy.</p>

	<p>emissions, there are clear avenues with which the strategic growth of our service can support Council's goals in other areas of this strategy. For instance, by utilising carshare as a strategy to reduce overall parking demand Council may be able to increase the overall tree canopy via street trees where traditional parking would have previously occupied.</p> <p>These are just some examples of the role carshare can play to assist Council in achieving its sustainability goals. We look forward to working with Council staff in the future.</p>	
60	<p>I am very supportive of Randwick Council's efforts to improve the environment at any level, inside or outside the LGA.</p> <p>Generally, the plan is well intentioned, but for something we want to serve as a ten year guide I was surprised there wasn't more substance to it. For example, I would hope to see baseline measurement points included and perhaps targets broken down with 1-2 year mileposts to gauge progress. Perhaps something of an implementation section outlining strategies that could be used to achieve the goals of the plan.</p> <p>Please see specific remarks below. I would appreciate a response outlining any changes made to the proposed plan, and would be happy to re-review if that is helpful.</p> <p>OUTCOME 1 Biodiversity Conservation > Increase by 30%, the number of native and Indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs baseline measurement • This leaves out fauna. Below I suggest adding an outcome specifically for that. <p>STRATEGIC APPROACH > 1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems impossible to "improve" connectivity simply by "maintaining" it at a fixed amount (assuming it is currently at that fixed amount of 14,000m2). • Should this read "create and maintain"? • Suggestion: "For connectivity of key bushland, increase from ____m2 to 14,000m2 of appropriate locally indigenous species of ground covers, and shrubs for habitat..." <p>Add strategic approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand connectivity by creating ____m2 of new appropriate native ground covers, shrubs and trees in council parks for habitat. For example, sites along the coastal walk (Shark Point, Dunningham Reserve, etc) have ample room for new and expanded habitat areas. • Increase backyard habitat programs through residential incentives. <p>Add new outcome: "Increase by 90%, the abundance of</p>	<p>Acknowledge that all targets set will be based on a baseline year which will be recorded and available in conjunction with the final Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Action Plan for key activity areas to be prepared</p> <p>This wording will be considered as replacement text as suggested.</p> <p>Additional areas will be planted beyond the areas identified in the Env Strategy. These are stated to indicate minimum and priority planting areas for focusing within some of the other priority tasks of staff and contractors.</p> <p>Native Havens program is already being implemented with schools and selected private properties adjacent to identified bushland areas.</p>

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<p>aquatic and terrestrial (including bird) native fauna across Randwick City and coastline by 2030."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Measure at a per-species level as number of individuals compared to baseline. ● Focus on uncommon species of local conservation significance (e.g. Fairy Wrens, New Holland Honey Eaters, Spotted Pardalote, migratory species and uncommon shore birds etc) ● As a Randwick City strategy that could specifically improve marine conditions, consider efforts to minimize the use of disposable plastics and reduce plastic pollution that ends up in the ocean. <p>Add objective to see increase in invertebrate numbers and diversity.</p> <p>Add strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to prevent small scale "exempt and complying developments" or other larger permitted developments which result in the loss of habitat. ● Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage the depaving of public and private spaces. ● Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage native vegetation planting on private property. <p>OUTCOME 2 Climate Change</p> <p>> Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits. There appears to be no mention of tree canopy coverage in the most recent Randwick "State of Our Environment" report (2018-2019). Suggestion: Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits. Publicly report on canopy coverage annually so progress on this strategy can be measured.</p> <p>> Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse[sic] gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum. Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 July 1, 2021 to reduce greenhouse greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum. Begin the program immediately by mandating the use of LED as replacement lights whenever needed.</p> <p>> Implement by 2022 information and delivery programs such as the Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs) to increase rooftop solar installations by 20% for Randwick householders and businesses, including those living in single dwellings and multi-unit dwellings. This strategy is on the right track but if I understand it correctly, it seems insufficiently ambitious. A 20% increase (over 2020 numbers?) by 2030 is not a large increase in ten years. Suggestion: Implement by 2022 July 1, 2021 information and delivery programs such as the Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs). Set the goal of</p>	<p>While selected fauna monitoring is carried out, there is a strong implication that planting provides a more resilient habitat with benefits including local protection for small birds, insects and reptiles.</p> <p>This is part of the intention of this strategy.</p> <p>Insufficient resources currently exist to monitor marine species.</p> <p>This finer-grained detail is more appropriate in the next review of the Development Control Plan (DCP).</p> <p>This is the intention of the Env Strategy and Council programs including Bushcare, Parkcare and Native Havens.</p> <p>That is correct, SoE reporting does not incorporate canopy cover as this is a fairly recent requirement of NSW State Government. Changes in canopy cover are less likely to be reportable on an annual basis but timeline analysis may be an indicator whether seasonal reporting is more appropriate e.g. Autumn, Spring. Reliance on satellite imagery with relatively high cost and slow changes showing over time may not warrant or enable annual reporting or monitoring.</p> <p>This program has commenced under an accelerated program agreed by Ausgrid.</p>
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61	<p>I am very supportive of Randwick Council's efforts to improve the environment at any level, inside or outside the LGA.</p> <p>Generally, the plan is well intentioned, but for something we want to serve as a ten year guide I was surprised there wasn't more substance to it. I want to see my local Council be more ambitious, particularly at this time when environmental protection, conservation and sustainability has never before been so urgent.</p> <p>As a suggestion also to keep Randwick Council accountable, but also to demonstrate its ambition, I would hope to see baseline measurement points included and perhaps targets broken down with 1-2 year mileposts to gauge progress. Perhaps something of an implementation section outlining strategies that could be used to achieve the goals of the plan.</p> <p>Please see response to outcomes below. Look forward to hearing from you and seeing changes to the plan.</p> <p>OUTCOME 1 Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>> Increase by 30%, the number of native and Indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs baseline measurement • This leaves out fauna. Below I suggest adding an 	<p>There is a strong duplication between this submission and submission 61</p> <p>Acknowledge that all targets set will be based on a baseline year which will be recorded and available in conjunction with the final Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Action Plan for key activity areas to be prepared</p>

<p>outcome specifically for that.</p> <p>STRATEGIC APPROACH</p> <p>> 1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems impossible to "improve" connectivity simply by "maintaining" it at a fixed amount (assuming it is currently at that fixed amount of 14,000m2). Should this read "create and maintain"? • Suggestion: "For connectivity of key bushland, increase from ____m2 to 14,000m2 of appropriate locally indigenous species of ground covers, and shrubs for habitat..." <p>Add strategic approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand connectivity by creating ____m2 of new appropriate native ground covers, shrubs and trees in council parks for habitat. For example, sites along the coastal walk (Shark Point, Dunningham Reserve, etc) have ample room for new and expanded habitat areas. • Increase backyard habitat programs through residential incentives. <p>Add new outcome: "Increase by 90%, the abundance of aquatic and terrestrial (including bird) native fauna across Randwick City and coastline by 2030."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure at a per-species level as number of individuals compared to baseline. • Focus on uncommon species of local conservation significance (e.g. Fairy Wrens, New Holland Honey Eaters, Spotted Pardalote, migratory species and uncommon shore birds etc) • As a Randwick City strategy that could specifically improve marine conditions, consider efforts to minimize the use of disposable plastics and reduce plastic pollution that ends up in the ocean. <p>Add objective to see increase in invertebrate numbers and diversity.</p> <p>Add strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to prevent small scale "exempt and complying developments" or other larger permitted developments which result in the loss of habitat. • Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage the depaving of public and private spaces. • Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage native vegetation planting on private property. <p>OUTCOME 2 Climate Change</p> <p>> Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits.</p>	<p>Additional areas will be planted beyond the areas identified in the Env Strategy. These are stated to indicate minimum and priority planting areas for focusing within some of the other priority tasks of staff and contractors.</p> <p>While selected fauna monitoring is carried out, there is a strong implication that planting provides a more resilient habitat with benefits including local protection for small birds, insects and reptiles.</p> <p>Separate fauna monitoring is carried out at various times.</p> <p>This is part of the intention of this strategy.</p> <p>Insufficient resources currently exist to monitor marine species.</p> <p>This finer-grained detail is more appropriate in the next review of the Development Control Plan (DCP).</p> <p>This is the intention of the Env Strategy and Council programs including Bushcare, Parkcare and Native Havens.</p>
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	<p>products etc. New solutions underpinned by circular economy principles in the environmental plan as opposed to business as usual would be strongly supported.</p> <p>I would also note that consideration regarding the sustainability of the supply chain could be included in the plan. This also relates to the circular economy, but a deeper dive into the impacts of materials, particularly building materials and their role in the environmental decline/biodiversity in developing countries would also be supported.</p> <p>OUTCOME 4 Coastal Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community education. • Community surveys seem non-scientific. Need more accurate measurement of coastal pollution. • Identify hotspots of coastal pollution [litter & biochemical]; work with businesses & residents to tackle these. <p>> Strengthen the LEP by 2021 to include new coastal planning provisions to ensure all new development complies with the communities desired future character principles of the coastal zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • also emphasize the need to protect existing vegetation from developments, in strategy 	<p>Agreed, but additional coastal or marine monitoring is not currently within budget capacity or responsibility of Council.</p> <p>This is the intention of the Strategy within permissions provided in planning provisions.</p>
62	<p>There are many encouraging things in the draft Environment Strategy, thank you for putting this document together and I am very much looking forward to the strategy implements.</p> <p>I do think that there are some missed opportunities:</p> <p>I would like to see more focus around engagement with companies with a sustainability or climate change focus, such that the council can encourage its contractors to think holistically as well. For example, the council's PPA is with Origin Energy, who is doing shale gas drilling in the Northern Territory, which if allowed to continue, will undo all the hard work the Council is doing for CO2 mitigation (outcome 2)</p> <p>Another example is Land Lease, who is involved with a project in SW Sydney that will clear critical koala habitat, so while its may not affect local biodiversity, we are indirectly funding habitat loss when they win work in our locality (outcome 1). Is it possible to evaluate DAs against company sustainability performance as well?</p> <p>Could the Council develop a sustainable technical design guideline, or company sustainability criteria that the council evaluates again for major projects and development applications?</p> <p>With conserving resources I believe further education of residents and businesses about how to reduce waste and recycle is required. Would the council consider a repair cafe program? Can the council mandate that businesses must not use disposables for dine-ins?</p> <p>The above point also relates to 4, coastal protection. There is so much waste on my street near Anzac Parade 9 ways, some domestic and some from businesses. e.g. Macdonald wrappers and chips packaging, and many</p>	<p>Council has written to a number of these retailers protesting their involvement in these activities.</p> <p>Procurement processes will be checked to test whether such considerations can be applied in procurement processes.</p> <p>Council has considered this request in the past but has been unable to identify a suitable Council site that could accommodate a Repair Café. We have supported The Bower in the non-profit capacity by running such workshops for residents at various times. Our capacity to mandate and / or enforce such an edict over local businesses is very limited. We prefer to take an educative position with local businesses on these types of issues.</p>

	<p>will end up in our waters. More resources such as public art doubling as PSA, posters for bins, penalties for businesses, etc may be able to help reduce the amount of garbage that ends up on our streets. Are we looking at what is being caught by the GTP? It might be good to think about how to reduce those waste at the source.</p>	<p>Waste education is a priority of Council through our Waste Management and Education Strategies. GPT material is reported back to Council for information purposes.</p>
63	<p>1. While appreciating environmental strategy focuses on the natural environment and people's interaction (impact) with it, the focus is too narrow. I consider you should incorporate the built environment into this strategy, particularly the extensive range of heritage items in the City. Ultimately the built environment has an enormous impact on the quality of life of residents and their impact with the natural environment. Therefore, Council needs to extensively map topography, aspect (solar access), wind patterns and water flow (partially done through floodplain studies) across the City.</p> <p>I am concerned about excessive tree canopy being imposed on areas which are built up (medium/ high density) and the associated dwellings being in perpetual gloom, whereas intelligent building design (eaves, insulation) etc can resolve heat impacts. In addition a dense tree canopy (especially natives which constantly shed leaves) can lead together with leaf run-off blocking gutters (Council only sweeps gutters one or two times a year - at best and vehicles parked make the job incomplete). I discuss tree canopy further below.</p> <p>2. Concern about 40% tree cover. The statistics regarding tree cover in Randwick City need to be analysed more carefully to make sense of the claim that the City has insufficient tree cover. A large percentage of the city is open space in southern part (eg golf courses). This open space has a very low level of tree cover although arguably the best area to improve tree cover. Built-up densely populated areas of the City already have a very good level of tree cover. Any 40% initiatives on tree cover need to ensure that this is implemented in those areas with low existing tree cover. I welcome Council's move to focus on native vegetation (including shrub cover) in favour of large trees.</p> <p>3. Waste management. I consider Council needs to take a more nuanced approach in collecting waste and recyclables. I expect there would be vast differences between houses and multi-unit housing in adherence to Council's current sorting / non-contamination guidelines. I consider that in multi-unit housing Council should provide bins which encourage correct sorting – for example paper bins with narrow slots, container bins sized for a large bottle etc. These would not be practical for a single dwelling due to an excessive number of bins, but where multiple bins are provided to one multi-unit address, greater options are available. I also consider that Council should provide bins with 'see through' sides so it's very clear what has been deposited.</p> <p>On 'council clean-ups' I consider an investigation should be made for a permanent drop-off point for use by residents (perhaps booking required). It's a shame and waste that so much serviceable furniture ends up in</p>	<p>Much of these suggestions are underway through our Strategic Planning and Technical Services teams.</p> <p>Agreed to a point however Council is working across both plantings of smaller species and more established trees, due in part to the time required for urban canopy to develop.</p> <p>The differences in treatment and issues related to single and multi-unit dwellings are appreciated and very real to our waste planning, implementation and education.</p> <p>We are currently unable to consider see through bins but camera recording within the truck can assist us of high contamination issues when bins are loaded into garbage trucks.</p>

	landfill. The drop-off point (warehouse) could be open to the public (residents and non residents) to purchase (gold coin donation) the furniture dropped off by residents. Could Council consider a joint initiative with Waverley and Woollahra Councils for something along the lines of 'reverse garbage' as operates in Marrickville?	Agreed around the waste but Council is unable to provide such a space within the limitations of space across the eastern suburbs. We work closely to encourage the services of the not-for-profit, Bower.
64	Why can't the tree canopy of 40% coverage be implemented by 2025? With 12% canopy coverage (the same as Botany) it is about time that trees were protected on every Development site and STRICT implementation of replacement trees adhered to. I am sick of seeing every block of land in my area of Maroubra clear felled and almost NO trees being replanted after construction. With Randwick Municipality ballooning we need as much green space as possible with less asphalt and concrete and more natural grass, trees and plants - so far there is too little. Stop allowing removal of substantial trees on Council medium strips unless every other alternative has been assessed. I have also been told that Council has required home owners to remove trees when a DA is approved even though this was not requested. The precious Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub needs more protection from Developers and the public who do not appreciate or understand its importance for the East and may inadvertently destroy it.	Planning provisions for replacement of vegetation is to be considered within the update of the Randwick Development Control Plan (DCP)
65	<p>Randwick City Council is to be commended for giving some thought to the environmental impact of climate change and ways in which households, businesses and community groups can help to ameliorate it. However, naming this document as a Strategy is inaccurate - as the Introduction to the document states, it only provides long-term goals. It lacks the budget, costings and information about the sources of funding necessary to enable it to stand as a Strategy. Further, interested community members need specifics on costings and funding to be able to make meaningful assessments of the goals and the proposed timeframes.</p> <p>The general statement in the Introduction that 'Caring for our environment requires all of us to do the little things that make a difference' suggests that the little things will be outlined and the differences they will make will be discussed. However, the objectives listed in the Outcomes are not 'little things', with the exception of the proposal that households separate food waste from recyclables and other garbage. Most outcomes are likely to have hefty price tags attached eg Outcome 2 Objective: 'Reduce greenhouse gas emissions ... across Randwick City by 60% by 2030' or Outcome 3 Objective 2: 'Reduce consumption of energy and water across Randwick City by 60% by 2030'.</p> <p>If Council is planning to encourage households and/or businesses to invest in new or different technologies eg solar panels, water tanks or heat pumps, it would be helpful to know how Council plans to do that. Will Council be negotiating bulk purchase discounts for such</p>	<p>Council's approach in the management of our environment strategy includes provision of budget and resources for environmental improvements and protection approaches identified.</p> <p>Council provides ongoing communications on measures and actions it is taking or suggesting for its community to support.</p>

	<p>items, for example?</p> <p>We have used the verb 'encourage' rather than 'require' or demand that' investment be made in new technologies, as the impact of the current recession and its longevity are not quantifiable. If Council endorses the goals published as the Strategy, it is imperative that compliance be voluntary.</p> <p>The reality is that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNSW has shed staff and more sackings are imminent. Many staff who have kept their positions have had their hours and incomes cut; 2. International students are not able to come to Australia for the foreseeable future, reducing the demand for rental properties in the Randwick Council area; 3. International tourists are similarly unable to travel to Australia, negatively impacting the demand for accommodation in the area and the demand for services, affecting the incomes of accommodation providers and other businesses; 4. when residential or business leases expire, there is less demand for the spaces and long lead times to fill vacancies, impacting on owners' incomes; 5. when residential or business leases expire, the lower demand means places attract lower rents, affecting owners' ability to absorb extra costs; 6. many owners are already behind financially as they have given rebates or discounts to tenants in response to the pandemic; 7. old blocks of units and flats in the area have not been fitted for these new technologies and the costs to implement changes may be substantial in terms of changes to plumbing and electrical wiring, for example; 8. the future employment outlook is uncertain, in terms both of job prospects and income prospects; 9. any extra costs required or incurred by owners will have to be passed on to tenants. <p>While Randwick Council's ideals are worthwhile, the proposal cannot be properly evaluated without reliable costings and a funding proposal. In any event, the current pandemic and associated recession mean that projects will have to be undertaken on a voluntary opt-in basis rather than by regulation.</p>	<p>This is why the terminology is mostly as you say, encourage or support.</p> <p>The latter point is mostly how Council is facilitating our approach in the Env Strategy</p>
66	<p>The draft environmental strategy doesn't address the gross overcrowding and overdevelopment in certain areas ie Kensington and Kingsford. How is putting massive development along Anzac pde doing anything except increasing urban heat Island and wind tunnel? It's destroying the environment. Also public transport and traffic is a joke so I'm almost completely reliant on my car even for short trips. I'm spending longer in my car because the traffic is so bad, so increased pollution. This survey seems to be just greenwashing.</p>	<p>Further communications to be provided on the planning and population targets set by the NSW Government for Sydney Councils.</p>
67	<p>Points 2.2-2.9 worry me – words like "mandate" make me think of the Victorian Government – bullying combined with incompetence</p> <p>This is an article from the Nature stable looking at the potential downside of renewables – authors from</p>	<p>Dissenting opinion on the benefits of solar and wishing for Council to take a more careful look at the potential downside of renewables.</p>

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	<p>Queensland, Canada and USA</p> <p>It is also of concern to me that the people who push renewables strongly often have investments in them</p> <p>If even Mike Moore has doubts (Planet of the Humans) about renewables the council needs to be careful that what would seem to be a good thing actually makes it all worse – something that runs on a repeating roll in human history</p>	
68	<p>I read with interest your Draft Environment Strategy. I have just a few comments on the Climate Change objective:</p> <p>1) It would be good to place the 60% emission reductions by 2030 in the context of what would be needed worldwide to meet the Paris Agreement 2degC global warming limit. Further reductions beyond 2030 will be needed to meet this target and I wonder if it should be made clearer that the 60% by 2030 reduction is a good first step towards carbon neutrality later in the century.</p> <p>2) The strategy notes that future planning will need to consider impacts ON climate change. This is great... but I wonder if future planning also needs to consider the impacts OF climate change, though perhaps that belongs in strategies describing risk assessments for infrastructure, health, etc.?</p> <p>More generally, I wonder if the document would benefit from a box and/or bullet points summarising the advantages of all of the objectives for health and wellbeing of Randwick's residents.</p>	<p>Randwick's recent resolution for an increase and acknowledgement of a greater 'aspirational' greenhouse emissions target will be incorporated in our Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Correct context is within risk assessment / mitigation and adaptation planning.</p> <p>This idea to be considered as a way of communicating benefits of delivering our Env Strategy.</p>
69	<p>Thank you for sending out this draft Environmental Plan; the initiatives listed there sound very positive. However, the headline targets listed above need some revision. I feel: e.g. the first 'Using 100% renewable energy by 2020. This seems very ambitious, not to say, courageous, and seems, in fact to be contradicted by the info in the Environment Strategy itself. And the second, 'Using recycled material in our roads: in the longer document, we read, 'Research the use of asphalt products containing recycled materials (e.g. glass) by undertaking trials on high, medium and low traffic road pavements located in Randwick and Maroubra by 2023', a wonderful initiative. So maybe the 'Using' needs to be 'toned down' until the research proves that these recycled materials are indeed effective?</p> <p>In short, maybe the targets listed in the headline area of the Council's email – which are all that most people will read, I imagine – need to be reviewed to better reflect the realities spelt out in the document itself.</p>	
70	<p>One enquiry I have is: why are there not more solar panels on RCC buildings and solar powered streetlights such as the ones around the Randwick enviro park at South Coogee?</p>	<p>Communication to be provided on number of solar installations on Council buildings</p>

**Randwick's draft Environment Strategy
Proposed adjustments / changes, Nov 2020**

Draft	Changed to	Reason for change
Outcome 1 Biodiversity Conservation Restore and protect the diversity of ecosystems	No change	n/a
Objective: Increase by 30% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030	Objective: Increase by 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking on board suggestions within submissions received • Additional level of annual Council budget provided for planting • Staff analysis of priority areas identified increased capacity • Intention for 6% of additional annual plantings from baseline year • Increased potential of external grants funding
1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m ² of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, Bunnerong Rd Eastern suburbs banksia site, Yarra Bay Bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.	1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by planting and maintaining 14,000m ² of native and Indigenous ground covers, shrubs and trees starting in areas between Kamay National Park, Bunnerong Rd Chifley Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, Yarra Bay Bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2026 and extending into additional areas of the City.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking on board suggestions within submissions received • Focus is on new plantings and not just maintenance of existing plantings • Corrected name of National Park • Responding to concerns and requests that plantings can occur in other important bushland areas.
1.2 Review our partnership with NSW Department of Lands to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential and seek divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021.	No change.	This process is underway.
1.3 Review the restoration activities (for example, weed control and bush regeneration) across coastal and terrestrial areas of Central and South wards each year.	Review management and revegetation restoration strategies across coastal and terrestrial areas on a 3-yearly cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking on board suggestions within submissions received • Acknowledge purpose of review is for improved management of Council lands • Responding to concerns and requests that a review of activities should apply across all of Randwick City

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-yearly cycle recognises sensible timeframe from a biodiversity perspective to re-visit previous review outcomes.
1.4. Preserve native habitat by mapping 10% of Council's bushland managed bushland each year, measuring the density and extent of threatened native flora and fauna species against that of introduced species including weeds and foxes.	1.4. Improve preservation of native habitat through the mapping and conducting of various flora or fauna surveys of 10% of Council's managed bushland each year, particularly measuring the density and extent of threatened native flora and fauna species against that of introduced or competing pest plant or animal species (e.g. foxes).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Particularly to explain how mapping leads to preserving habitat Including program of flora and fauna surveys carried out Acknowledges weeds and foxes don't represent all species threatening native fauna.
1.5 Review Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) by 2021 strengthening the requirements for new and replacement planting of native and indigenous species for new developments, and also for existing developments when tree and / or native vegetation removal is approved or permissible.	No change.	n/a
1.6 Review the feasibility of upgrading the glasshouse facility by 2021 towards expanding production potential.	1.6 Review the feasibility of and complete the upgrade of the glasshouse facility of Council's Community Nursery by 2021 for the purposes of enabling the propagation of native and indigenous plants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing feasibility misses importance of completing the upgrade Clarify approach that this relates to our Community Nursery Recognises production expansion has potential to contribute to key objective above.
1.7 Manage visitor access to Randwick Environment Park by constructing an augmenting walkway and associated facilities by 2025.	No change.	n/a
1.8 Reduce the weed density by 10% in areas of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub under the control of Council by 2025.	1.8 Reduce the weed density by 25% in areas of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub under the control of Council by 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Existing weed control in ES Banksia Scrub areas is ahead of schedule Recognises importance of incremental removal rather than blanket removal.

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Draft	Changed to	Reason for change
Outcome 1 Climate Change A community more knowledgeable, proactive and responsive to climate change impacts	No change	n/a
Objective: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ -equivalent) across Randwick City by 60% by 2030	Objective: Achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ -equivalent) across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, while acknowledging the significance and importance of aspiring to a 100% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the same timeframe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Focus or purpose remains on achieving a 60% greenhouse emissions target Acknowledges an 'aspirational' target of 100% greenhouse gas emissions as per recent Council resolution Establishes a baseline year.
2.1 Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040 to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits.	2.1 Increasing the number of trees planted by 25% by 2025 and 50% by 2030, from a 2018 baseline of trees planted, in combination with the retention of existing trees, for the purpose of expanding urban tree canopy across areas of Council control to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits while acknowledging the importance of aspiring to the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board wide concerns of urban canopy loss through vegetation removal Includes the proposal for incremental implementation and achievement toward overall goal Brings forward target expectation of 50% to match community concerns articulated Clarifies an increase in urban canopy occurs in a timeframe well after the planting of trees i.e. planting trees or retaining trees is a first stage of increasing urban canopy Establishes a baseline year Recognises Randwick's urban setting and that Council-led plantings are most relevant on Council controlled land.
2.2 Map 100% of resident participation in the "Grow it Local" food growing initiative by 2022 and increase resident and school participation in "Grow it Local" and Love Food Hate Waste or similar programs by 20% by 2025.	2.2 Increase residential and school participation in food waste avoidance and food growing initiatives such as, Love Food Hate Waste and Grow it Local, by 20% by 2025 from a 2020 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Keeps focus on the purpose of the strategic approach i.e. food waste avoidance and food growing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping component will still occur in the monitoring of progress toward achieving outcome by 2025 Establishes a baseline.
2.3 Mandate that all future plans of Council (next 10 years) will detail the impacts that the plan will have on climate change using a consistent methodology for measuring this impact.	2.3 Ensure that all future plans of Council (next 10 years) will detail the impacts that the plan will have on climate change using a consistent methodology for measuring this impact.	Responds to suggestion to remove "mandate" due to its imposing implication.
2.4 Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy streetlights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across streetlights by 30% per annum.	2.4 Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy streetlights with 4,000 energy efficient LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across streetlights by 30% per annum.	Clarifies purpose of LED lights is to save on electricity consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, costs etc.
2.5 Implement by 2022 information and delivery programs such as the Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs) to increase rooftop solar installation by 20%, for Randwick householders and businesses including those living in single-dwellings and multi-unit dwellings.	2.5 Continue implementation of the information and delivery programs by Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs such as Solar My Apartment), to increase rooftop solar installation by 20% by 2022, from a 2018 baseline, for Randwick householders and businesses including those living in single-dwellings and multi-unit dwellings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Establishes this represents an existing program for residents who may not have been aware Acknowledges new program emphasis in 'Solar my Apartment' Establishes baseline year.
2.6 Explore by 2021 the residential and business participation in energy saving programs including Australian Energy Foundation, Sun Tenants and Green Power (or similar programs) to achieve direct and indirect greenhouse emission reductions across those sectors by 2025.	2.6 Implement by 2021, residential and business participation in energy saving or similar programs (Australian Energy Foundation, Council rebates or GreenPower) to achieve direct and indirect greenhouse emission reductions across those participating by 20% by 2025 from a 2020 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Acknowledges existing program with Australian Energy Foundation which includes energy savings and that 'explore' is replaced with 'implement' Incorporates opportunities provided by Council's new energy and water saving financial rebates Establishes a baseline year.
2.7 Facilitate solar installations of energy saving measures across clubs (RSLs) and remaining schools across Randwick City via the Solar my Schools initiative and its extension, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at those locations by 10% by 2025.	2.7 Facilitate solar installations of energy saving measures across clubs (RSLs) and remaining schools across Randwick City via the Solar my Schools Initiative and its extension, Solar my Club, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at those locations by 30% by 2025 from a 2020 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received New target as a result of a more detailed analysis of savings achieved so far on participating sites Establishes baseline year.
2.8 Partner with 10% of small businesses across Randwick City and engage on energy saving programs	2.8 Partner with 10% of small businesses across Randwick City and engage on energy saving programs such as Solar for Tenants and / or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received

such as Sun Tenants and / or similar program to achieve a 10% reduction in their greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.	similar program to achieve a 20% reduction in their greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledges new program emphasis in 'Solar for Tenants' New target as a result of a more detailed analysis Establishes baseline year.
2.9 Procure 100% of Council's electricity through renewable energy power purchase agreement (PPA) by 2025.	No change.	No change

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Conserve Resources Our limited natural resources are protected.	Conserve Resources Our limited natural resources are protected and conserved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better reflects principles directing our Environment Strategy Particularly as 'limited natural resources' included here are energy, water and waste. New target as a result of a more detailed analysis of savings achieved so far on participating sites Establishes baseline year.
Objectives: Increase residential recycling to 70% across Randwick City and divert 75% waste from landfill by 2025. Reduce the consumption of energy and water across Randwick City per capita by 30% by 2030.	Increase residential recycling to 70% across Randwick City and divert 75% waste from landfill by 2025, from a 2017 baseline. Reduce the consumption of energy and water across Randwick City per capita by 30% by 2030, from a 2017 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Consistent with baseline set in Waste Management Strategy Sets consistent baseline with data provided from Ausgrid and Sydney Water.
3.1 Research the use of asphalt products containing recycled materials i.e. glass, by undertaking trials on high, medium and low traffic pavements in Randwick and Maroubra.	No change.	n/a
3.2 Reduce waste generation per capita across the LGA by 10% by 2030 through tailored education campaigns, including Recycling Centre tours and incentivisation programs like Compost Revolution and Plastic-free Randwick,	3.2 Reduce waste generation per capita across the LGA by 10% by 2030, from a 2017 baseline, through tailored education campaigns including but not limited to tours of our Randwick Recycling Centre, partnerships with other organisations, e.g. Compost Revolution, the Bower, Recycle SMART,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received Consistent with baseline set in Waste Management Strategy.

targeting residents, visitors and students.	and new programs targeting specific waste streams e.g. single-use plastics.	
3.3 Review by 2022 our partnership with UNSW to participate in education programs such as Orientation Week and Green events organised by the university, raising student awareness about the appropriate disposal of unwanted goods and increase the reuse and recycling of goods in and around student accommodation areas adjacent to the university, particularly in Kingsford and Kensington.	3.3 Strengthen by 2022 our partnership with UNSW to participate in education programs such as Orientation Week and Green events organised by the university, raising student awareness about the appropriate disposal of unwanted goods and increase the reuse and recycling of goods in and around student accommodation areas.	In light of recent meeting between UNSW and Mayor, 'review' is replaced by 'strengthen'.
3.4 Divert from landfill 60% of food waste generated by residents through the implementation of domestic food waste collection services by 2025.	No change.	n/a
3.5 Explore initiatives to facilitate food waste recovery from Randwick cafes and restaurants from across the LGA by 2024.	No change.	n/a
3.6 Review our education and incentive programs with 20% of small businesses in Randwick about replacing single-use plastic items (bags and straws) and single-use coffee cups with sustainable alternative products by 2022.	3.6 Review our education and incentive programs and engage with 20% of small businesses in Randwick about replacing single-use waste items (e.g. plastic bags, straws, cutlery, coffee cups) with sustainable alternative products by 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking on board suggestions within submissions received and particularly acknowledges key purpose of 'review' is to strengthen and improve our engagement with local businesses on this issue. Clarifies waste items rather than just single-use plastic e.g. coffee cups.
3.7 Increase the information provided in all development categories on sustainable design provisions and design excellence opportunities and potential savings in terms of achieving 50% of energy and water savings beyond BASIX requirements by 2022.	No change.	n/a
3.8 Research the application of sustainable design provisions in all development categories, addressing water and energy consumption over BASIX requirements in the LGA by 2020	No change.	n/a
3.9 Reduce the Council's reliance on potable water by constructing a 2-million litre stormwater harvesting system at Maroubra beach by 2022.	No change.	n/a
3.11 Explore partnering with Sydney Water on initiatives and campaigns to reduce by 20% potable water consumption by residents, businesses and schools by 2025.	No change.	n/a

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Outcome: Coastal Protection Coastal and marine environments are protected and conserved	No change	n/a
Achieve a "Good" or "Very Good" result from the NSW Government's Beachwatch water quality program by participating in 100% of water quality surveys conducted along our beaches. Ensure community satisfaction of the coastal experience is retained above 80% in surveys conducted from 2020 onwards.	100% of Randwick's beaches achieve a "Good" or "Very Good" result as monitored and reported in the NSW Government's Beachwatch water quality program. Ensure community satisfaction of the coastal experience is retained above 80% in surveys conducted from 2020 onwards.	A number of submissions queried the focus of the community satisfaction survey as an objective. Water quality objective is clarified while community satisfaction survey is retained.
4.1 Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) network by 2027 by installing one new GPT each year on major drainage lines currently without existing controls located in the east and south of Randwick City.	4.1 Increase the volume of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) network by 2027 through the installation of one new GPT each year on major drainage lines across Randwick City.	Clarifies that 'volume' is the measurement for this approach rather than 'percentage'.
4.2 Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater from 1-month storm events into their infrastructure and away from Coogee beach by 2022, to achieve a "Good" or better water quality rating as per the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Beachwatch water quality program.	4.2 Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater from 1-month storm events into their infrastructure and away from Coogee beach by 2022, to achieve a "Good" or better water quality rating as per the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Beachwatch water quality program.	Concerns were expressed that the inclusion of the description of Sydney Water infrastructure meant that stormwater diversion was to their wastewater treatment at Malabar. This is not the case, as a disused Sydney Water pipe will be dispersing stormwater beyond the waters off Dolphin Point.
4.3 Strengthen the LEP by 2021 to include new coastal planning provisions to ensure all new development complies with the communities desired future character principles of the coastal zones.	No change.	
4.4 Manage visitor access to our coastline by constructing a coastal walkway and associated facilities along the southern golf courses and Lurline Bay by 2030.	No change.	n/a
4.5 Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.	No change	n/a

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1. Summary

Randwick City Council has developed an Environment Strategy that sets our long-term objectives to guide our future planning and programs. Specifically, we have set six broader objectives and more than 30 strategic approaches to complete and be accountable within certain time frames.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to consult with the community to educate them on Council's strategy and determine their priorities for the future. The community were invited to read the draft strategy and complete an online survey or make a submission. The consultation was promoted using digital and social media, community newsletters, bus stop advertising and presentations at resident precinct meetings.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had over 1225 unique visits, 135 were survey completed and 71 submissions received. From the survey results, the community identified the following as the most important strategic directions for each of Council's key Environment Strategy outcomes.

Biodiversity Conservation:

- Improve connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs & trees between Botany Bay NP, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland NP by 2025.
- Review our partnership with NSW Dept of Lands, to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential, and seek divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021.

Climate Change:

- Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits.
- Mandate that all future plans of Council (next 10 years) will detail the impacts that the plan will have on climate change, using a consistent and best practice climate change methodology for measuring this impact.

Conserve Resources:

- Divert from landfill 60% of food waste generated by residents through the implementation of domestic food waste collection services by 2025.
- Research the use of asphalt products containing recycled materials (e.g. glass) by undertaking trials on high, medium and low traffic road pavements located in Randwick and Maroubra by 2023.

Coastal Protection:

- Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.
- Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the GPT network by 2027, installing one new GPT each year, on major drainage lines currently without existing controls, located in the east & south of the City.

The results of the community consultation and proposed updates to the Environment Strategy will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background and objectives

A community consultation program was undertaken to exhibit Randwick City Council's draft Environment Strategy, which sets out Council's long-term objectives to guide future planning and programs and determine the communities priorities in relation to the 30 strategic approaches outlined in the strategy.

The consultation program aimed to:

- Exhibit the draft strategy for community feedback
- Determine the community's priorities for achieving the 30 strategic approaches in the strategy
- Determine how supportive residents are of the overall draft strategy

2.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 42 days from 2 September to 13 October 2020.

The project was assessed as having a high-level city-wide impact.

The community were asked to read the draft strategy and complete an online survey or make a submission.

2.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to complete a survey or make a submission
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5373 residents): 3 September 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 2 September, 30 September and 7 October 2020
- Facebook post: 8 October 2020 (4754 people reached and 258 engagements)
- Bus stop advertising
- Scene Magazine: Article in Spring 2020 issue
- The Beast Magazine: Advertisement in September 2020 issue
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Presentations at Coogee, Malabar, Maroubra and Randwick Precinct meetings
- Digital display screens at all Libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Email to Sustainability database
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to exhibit the draft strategy and gather feedback via an online survey and submission option:

www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/environmentstrategy

The website was launched on 2 September was open for 42 days, closing on 13 October 2020.

During this time, the site experienced the following:

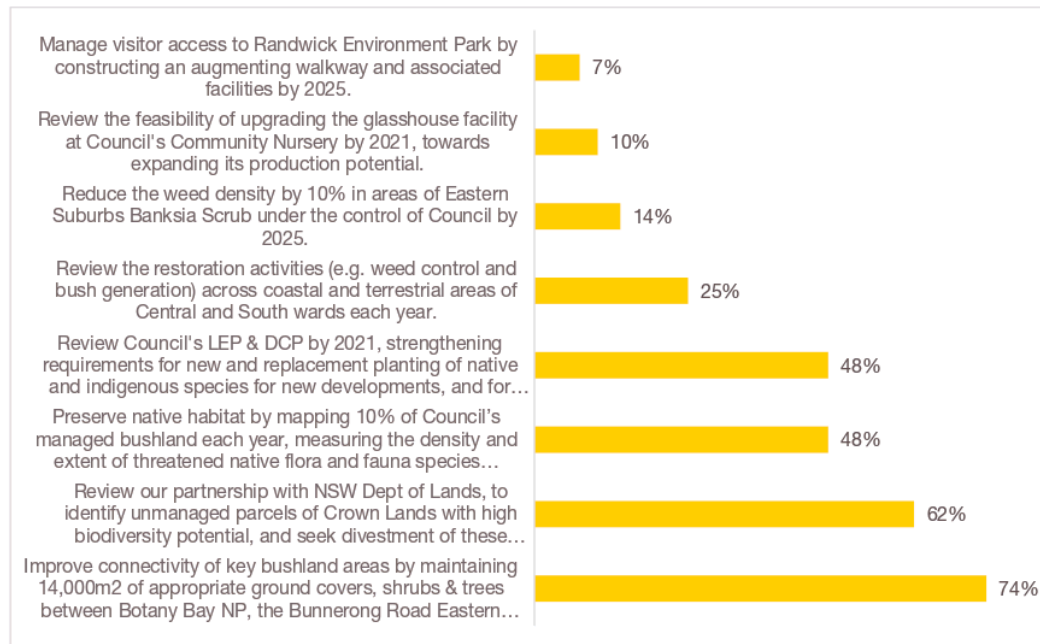
- 1225 visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 135 surveys completed
- 66 submissions, plus an additional 5 submissions sent directly to Council
- 529 downloads of the draft Strategy

3.2. Survey results

The Your Say survey asked respondents to prioritise the strategic approaches under each of the four key outcomes set out in the draft strategy. Respondents could choose up to three priorities for each outcome.

We received a total of 135 survey responses. The following graphs tell us what the community believe are the most important strategic directions for each of Council's four key Environment Strategy outcomes.

3.2.1. What are the three most important strategic approaches for Biodiversity Conservation?

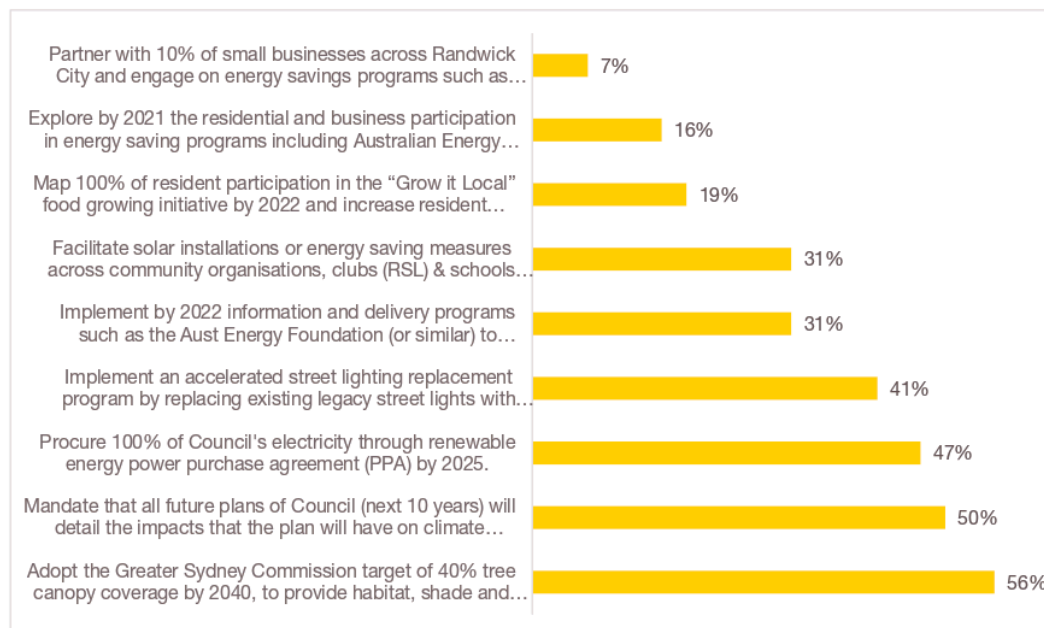


Graph 1: Biodiversity conservation

This graph indicates that the three most frequently chosen priorities for biodiversity conservation are:

1. Improve connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs & trees between Botany Bay NP, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland NP by 2025 (chosen as a priority by 74% of respondents).
2. Review our partnership with NSW Dept of Lands, to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential, and seek divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021 (chosen as a priority by 62% of respondents).
3. Preserve native habitat by mapping 10% of Council's managed bushland each year, measuring the density and extent of threatened native flora and fauna species against that of introduced species including weeds and foxes (chosen as a priority by 48% of respondents).

3.2.2. What are the three most important strategic approaches for Climate Change?

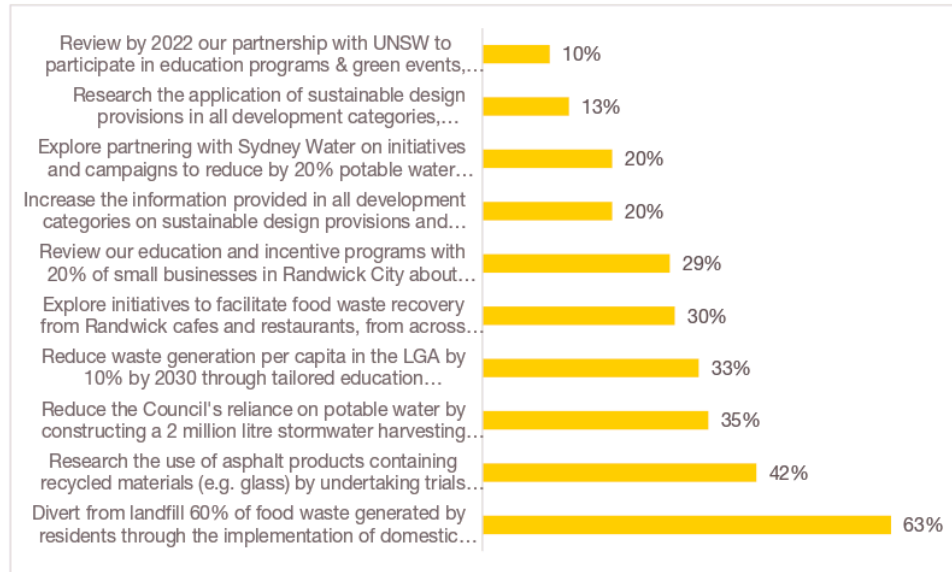


Graph 2: Climate change

This graph indicates that the three most frequently chosen priorities for climate change are:

1. Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits (chosen as a priority by 56% of respondents).
2. Mandate that all future plans of Council (next 10 years) will detail the impacts that the plan will have on climate change, using a consistent and best practice climate change methodology for measuring this impact (chosen as a priority by 50% of respondents).
3. Procure 100% of Council's electricity through renewable energy power purchase agreement (PPA) by 2025 (chosen as a priority by 47% of respondents).

3.2.3. What are the three most important strategic approaches for Conserve Resources?

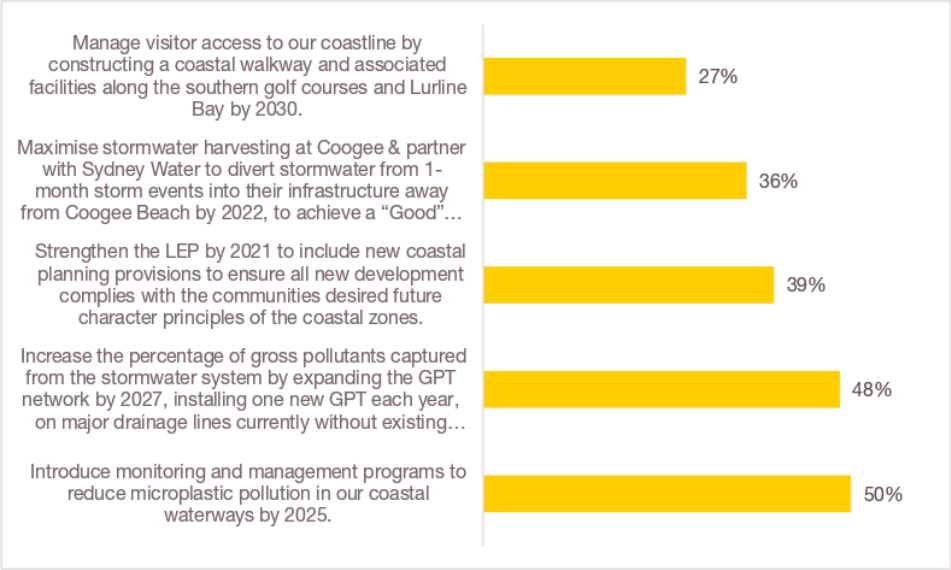


Graph 3: Conserve resources

This graph indicates that the three most frequently chosen priorities for conserving resources are:

1. Divert from landfill 60% of food waste generated by residents through the implementation of domestic food waste collection services by 2025.
2. Research the use of asphalt products containing recycled materials (e.g. glass) by undertaking trials on high, medium and low traffic road pavements located in Randwick and Maroubra by 2023.
3. Reduce the Council's reliance on potable water by constructing a 2 million litre stormwater harvesting system at Maroubra beach by 2022.

3.2.4. What are the two most important strategic approaches for Coastal Protection?



Graph 4: Coastal Protection

This graph indicates that the two most frequently chosen priorities for coastal protection are:

1. Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.
2. Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the GPT network by 2027, installing one new GPT each year, on major drainage lines currently without existing controls, located in the east & south of the City.

3.3. Submissions

The table below lists all 71 submissions received via Your Say Randwick and email to Council.

	Submission
1	<p>I would like to see the connectivity outlined in 1.1 extended to include the entire coastal area from La Perouse to Clovelly..so after Malabar Headland National Park add "and other coastal bushland or bush regeneration areas from La Perouse to Clovelly".</p> <p>I would like to see East, West and North wards added to 1.3.</p> <p>I would like to see the following added to 1.4 "and implement strategies to maintain and where necessary restore the density and extent of threatened and non threatened native flora and fauna species."</p> <p>I would like to add 1.9 Implement a policy of planting native plants (preferably local but also wider Australian species) in the coastal strip alongside streets and footpaths and in public parks instead of cacti and other exotic plants.</p> <p>I would like to add 2.1 " by increasing the current tree canopy coverage across the Randwick LGA by 25 % by 2025 and 50% by 2030.</p>
2	Excellent. Hopefully all targets will be reached
3	<p>The natural environment in coastal Randwick is infested with Bitu bush and Lantana. Randwick Council is probably the only local authority in Sydney to allow this environmental neglect. Why?</p>
4	<p>The major greenhouse categories per LGA (Waverley, Randwick and Woollahara) are about 50% electricity and 13-15% waste. Council needs to focus on using the levers that it controls. You need to use waste contracts to reward/incentivise us to massively reduce our waste. If we do not cut our waste it will be burnt in incinerators. Regarding electricity, instead of giving public money to private homes to instal solar panels for private benefit you need to be either investing in neighbourhood generation, that way all of us benefit from the rates that we pay you to look after our community. Or, alternatively, you need to follow Hobart City's lead, buying excess power from individual households at fractionally above the market rate and then selling it to the local community at cost. You also need to monitor the loss of canopy and green space through the imposition of multi-dwelling units. Our canopy cover is woeful; rampant infilling is exacerbating the problem. You also need to ask yourselves, everytime you push another "community development" eg south Maroubra amenities, whether it will be affected by the wild and unpredictable climactic changes that are now starting to take effect due to greenhouse. And will pay to rebuild/repair it? You cannot assume that in future people will have the capacity to keep paying ever increasing rates. COVID has demonstrated that climate change will destroy old economic certainties. Like bushfire victims, we may find ourselves having to rebuild after increasingly fierce storms.</p>
5	Council rates should be reduced so ratepayers can use the money to buy renewable energy directly from Energy Retailers.

	Submission
6	<p>The draft should promote the use of green roof spaces.</p> <p>Green roof spaces can add additional space for native plants and wildlife without taking up additional land.</p> <p>This would include the council's support for the use of empty garage roof surfaces that can be converted into green roofs.</p> <p>The density of Randwick offers many blank garage concrete roof spaces (especially all those garages at front of houses offering off street parking). These ever increasing structures could be built including green roofs; rebuilt to incorporate a green space or adapted to incorporate a green space.</p>
7	<p>Good start but a glaring omission is emissions from transport. There are not targets or even a strategy for transitioning Council vehicles to zero emission. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are quieter and cheaper over their lifetime than conventional vehicles, yet I cannot see any mention of them. EVs are available in every category now, including heavy waste collection vehicles, buses, light commercials and passenger cars. Council needs to get on with a replacement program quickly. I would suggest a target date of end 2021 to have the Council fleet totally EV.</p>
8	<p>A great start!</p> <p>How about setting a goal for an increase in local and longer distance cycle trips, and encouraging this: More cycle parking at shops / beaches hospitals (very few at Royal Randwick, hardly any at the Hospital) and more cycle paths. Pop up cycle servicing, promoting local cycling businesses etc</p>
9	<p>The plan looks fantastic, thank you to everyone concerned, but there is a glaring omission: there MUST be a policy to REDUCE car use and ENCOURAGE sustainable (buses, trams, trains) and active (cycling, walking) transport, thank you!</p>
10	<p>I am at a loss as to how RC proposes an Environmental Strategy when they keep approving dense housing in the area and the building of high rises in Kensington where there is a restriction of 6 floor storey buildings. How do you propose to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage when the only shade we will be experiencing will be that of concrete jungles without tree coverage in site. RC should be ashamed with all the approved developments in the area for so called housing. No one in the area wants it other than the greedy developers that continue to destroy Sydney.</p>
11	<p>Broadarrow Reserve would be a good place to start with planting trees. Approximately 12 trees were taken out a couple of years ago and never replaced.</p> <p>Broadarrow is the only open space I know of that we can walk around with shade. Would it be possible to create another open space with shade trees around the perimeter so we can walk/exercise comfortably in summer? As Broadarrow is a dog park perhaps the next one could be a non-dog open space please?</p> <p>I know population is not a council matter but if we are serious about climate change we need less development, fewer humans and more green space. RCC needs to push back on the government's policy of growing the population. With the economy going backwards the Federal government will be even more reliant on population growth for GDP and council should be prepared.</p>
12	<p>There is nothing about reducing the amount of pollution from cars. In other words, build better access to public transport and improve the cycling options which are pretty ordinary. We also should be aiming to make Heffron Park and other council parks as good as Centennial Park so that less people drive out of our suburb to attend the park.</p>

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13	My concern is that there are often lots of grand statements about conservation, and yet the reality on the ground is that developers regularly lodge applications that involve the removal of trees, and use their lawyer-power to get their way. The exception should not be the rule. Stand by your statements and your guidelines.
14	<p>1. The tree canopy campaign should include planting of flowering trees (such as Illawarra Flametree Brachychiton) on all nature strips, footpaths, walkways and in Parks, to add a bit of colour to a concrete dominated landscape throughout Randwick.</p> <p>2. Supply additional parking and force new Unit developments to supply one parking space per bedroom</p>
15	The council needs to ensure their business operating model is also in step to deliver and support these initiatives. This means actively managing it resources and people and not relying solely on additional rate increases to fund these measures. A sustainable strategic approach to managing the council resourcing needs to be a key part of the success of the Environment Strategy. Otherwise we will end up with a bloated, inefficient organisation struggling to deliver this strategy in the time frames it has committed to.
16	<p>I think that this is a really good strategy & I would love to help make it happen.</p> <p>There are a number of great ideas, eg LED street lights should just happen, whether additional solar lights for more decorative lighting would be a secondary thought.</p> <p>However I would prefer council to focus on the bigger initiatives & then target households with information. For example council should focus on food waste from cafes & restaurants (in conjunction with Oz Harvest perhaps), whilst households could reduce food waste by compost bins & worm farms (so promote these, before looking at food waste collection).</p> <p>Also council should focus on stormwater collection & reuse, whether it be from parks or beaches.</p> <p>Finally council should continue to work on Solar installations at schools & other large buildings, with ensuring minimum environmental standards for new developments or rebuilds, then promote solar schemes & rainwater tanks for households, including any relevant government incentives.</p>
17	<p>It needs to address feral animals and feral animal control. You have addressed invasive flora but invasive fauna is also an issue.</p> <p>Foxes are an invasive pest that needs controlling. Indian Myna birds and pigeons could do with population controls.</p> <p>Dogs and cats also need strict controls to allow native wildlife to survive these introduced carnivores.</p>
18	A good document but importantly must also focus activities on stormwater harvesting

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19	<p>1. I have extremely low vision.</p> <p>2. Many blind and low vision choose Maroubra as their home because it offers unusual public transport options - that is - it offers in-and-out of the city, as well as across-the-city.</p> <p>3. I have been injured several times while walking and running on streets managed by Randwick Council because of trees and tree branches that obstruct the pedestrian path. This includes head strikes that have knocked me out for minutes, as well as trip hazards.</p> <p>4. Randwick Council is aware of the large population of low vision and blind people in its government area. It is also aware of the unusually large number of disabled people who live in its government area.</p> <p>5. Therefore, Randwick Council has a duty of care to make streets safe - not just for able-bodied fully-sighted people, but for all people.</p> <p>6. Randwick Council does not exercise enough care at the moment to ensure that trees do not cause a danger to pedestrians at the moment.</p> <p>7. Since Randwick fails in its current duty of care, adding more trees will increase the danger faced by low vision and blind people living in Randwick.</p> <p>8. This will force a traditionally disadvantaged group (with unemployment over 60% and poverty rates 4 times the national average) out of the Randwick area.</p> <p>9. There is a double standard applied by Randwick Council that's worth pointing out. For example, because sighted people drive, Randwick Council exercises proper care to ensure that tree branches do not knock the top off cars while they drive along the streets.</p> <p>10. Randwick Council should apply the same standard to travelways used by less-abled persons.</p> <p>11. Because it has no plan to reduce dangers of its current policy, Randwick should halt the addition of further trees.</p> <p>12. I accept that - for sighted people - its very beautiful and nice to have trees. I love trees too. I just don't want to have to commando-crawl to get around streets to avoid injury.</p> <p>13. We should be an inclusive society. We should not increase dangers for disabled people just so something looks pretty.</p> <p>14. I love the environment. I just think it should be safe - not just for sighted people - but for all people.</p> <p>15. I would appreciate a written response addressing my concerns.</p>
20	<p>The climate change targets are not ambitious enough.</p> <p>The focus on microplastic pollution is too narrow minded. It needs to be a much broader program (which could include microplastics if you wish). At the moment there are bigger issues than microplastics in the marine and coastal environment.</p>

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21	<p>I'm surprised that Council has not integrated the UN's Sustainable Development Goals into environmental policy. This is a missed opportunity.</p> <p>From reading the strategy I'm sure the aspiration is fine, but I am concerned that there's too many 'investigate', 'research', 'review', explore' instead of actual actions.</p>
22	<p>This is what I wrote in my comments on the Draft Strategy: Many of the targets are not SMART. They need to have measurable targets as targets with like words like research or partner with, without a SMART target are not good enough.</p> <p>I applaud the actions which have SMART targets like 20% by 2025</p> <p>There are no actions that specifically involve first nations people. Particularly in Biodiversity and Marine conservation aboriginal management practices should be used and owned by our first Nations residents.</p> <p>The production of a document outlining all the baseline data should be made available to allow residents to judge whether the targets have been met for all actions.</p> <p>Council cleanup services need to separate and recycle curbside collections. I hate to see perfectly good electrical appliances and furniture being crushed together in the rubbish trucks . There is no target to change councils curbside collection methods and to prevent landfill from this source. Please add one.</p> <p>People are lazy and will not go to the wonderful recycling centre. Why not have regular clean ups scheduled where the recycling team collects from the curbside. Put this in the strategy</p> <p>Plastic is still a big problem in Randwick all businesses should be made to use renewable take away containers not made from plastic or plastic like products that take a long time to break down. A firm SMART target for phasing out all plastic is needed in the environmental strategy</p> <p>No more mature trees should ever be lost in Randwick City; we have lost so many due to the Light Rail debacle. A SMART target for mapping trees and retaining them is needed in the strategy</p> <p>Mapping vegetation is not conservation. 10% per year is a very small target. I agree that we should be mapping our vegetation but surely the whole council area could be mapped in a couple of years. A better target would be Map all vegetation in the Randwick council by 2022.</p> <p>Then a conservation target may be - Identify areas of high conservation value for inclusion in conservation zones in the LEP by 2025</p>

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23	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment</p> <p>Improving our tree canopy is one of the easiest targets to achieve so its hard to understand why targets are so low and too long? We need to increase the tree canopy across the LGA in the next couple of years-</p> <p>The majority of the targets are not SMART. They need to have measurable targets as targets with like words like research or partner with, without a SMART target are not good enough.</p> <p>Actions which have SMART targets like 20% by 2025 are positive</p> <p>We need more Indigenous input into environment and conservation. Particularly in Biodiversity and NMarine conservation aboriginal management practices should be used and owned by our first Nations residents. One example is hazard reduction.</p> <p>A document outlining all the baseline data should be made available to allow residents to judge whether the targets have been met for all actions.</p> <p>Council cleanup services need to separate and recycle curbside collections. I hate to see perfectly good electrical appliances and furniture being crushed together in the rubbish trucks . There is no target to change councils curbside collection methods and to prevent landfill from this source. Please add one.</p> <p>The most important service council offers is a rubbish collection- regular clean ups scheduled where the recycling team collects from the footpath.</p> <p>Plastic is still a big problem in Randwick - I am regularly picking up rubbish from gutters and the beach in Coogee all businesses should be made to use renewable take away containers not made from plastic or plastic like products that take a long time to break down. A firm SMART target for phasing out all plastic is needed in the environmental strategy</p> <p>Increased development that have no green aspects like green walls/rooves or solar panels are outdated. Developments need setbacks for planting and our roads need to be greened which will make them more pleasant areas to be in</p>
24	Cost to ratepayers
25	<p>The strategy is an impressive array of approaches but lacks an overall model. The International Union for Conservation of Nature, category V, 'Protected Landscape/Seascape', may serve as a suitable strategic framework or model. I would like Randwick Council to model its environmental strategy in accordance with the articulated Category V approach. This may entail protecting a marine park stretching along the full coastline. This entails broader sewerage/stormwater control, flora and fauna protection and sustainable interaction between the natural environment and human population. (https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/about/protected-areas-categories/category-v-protected-landscapeseascape)</p>

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26	<p>After reading the Survey, I was very glad that Randwick Council have some really good thinkers and smart science in the Team... the lists of options was very hard to select one over the others...</p> <p>In almost all of the headings I could see good situations and excellent choices... you are doing a terrific job in presenting this as a way of improving the whole of our area... I would have ticked all the boxes because they all made good sense...</p> <p>Do the best you can to get all of the Councils in all of Oz to follow suit on your programs...</p> <p>Keep at it and keep letting us know what you are trying to do...</p>
27	<p>Further Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase, promote & mandate rooftop gardens for all buildings that can host these • Also mandate water collection from such rooftop gardens for intra-building use • Explore the potential of using waste biomass to create "biochar" – this is a powerful way to capture carbon, as well as creating product that can be sold to nurseries, agriculture, or used in Council Gardens, etc. <p>o To start that exploration, one book is: "Burn: Using Fire To Cool The Earth." Bates; Albert & Draper; Kathleen</p> <p>o Two-barrel charcoal retort – a safe way to produce charcoal http://charcoalkiln.com/two-barrel-charcoal-retort-safe-produce-charcoal/</p> • Explore and implement the use of mini cylindrical wind-turbines that can be placed on rooftops, and even balconies. Are being used in Europe. Small, compact, take little space, yet can complement energy produced by solar. o https://newatlas.com/2018-dyson-award-winner-o-wind-turbine/57221/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018-11-15%20234509%20Australia%20Daily%20Basic%202018-11-15%20235038%20Fusion%20breakthrough%20as%20Chinas%20artificial%20sun%20reaches%20100%20million%20degrees&utm_content=2018-11-15%20234509%20Australia%20Daily%20Basic%202018-11-15%20235038%20Fusion%20breakthrough%20as%20Chinas%20artificial%20sun%20reaches%20100%20million%20degrees+CID_f44081c574e401fc0b5e179ac8a745a0&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Read%20more o https://youtu.be/RPcQLZ0xBAI o https://www.open-electronics.org/mini-wind-turbine/ o https://singularityhub.com/2017/07/09/this-mini-wind-turbine-can-power-your-home-in-a-gentle-breeze/ o https://www.ebay.com/b/Vertical-Wind-Turbines-Kits/121837/bn_55193603 o https://cdn.abcotvs.com/dip/images/106620_061014-wabc-windturbines-glassberg530pm-video.jpg?w=1600 o http://c1cleantechnicacom-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/files/2012/07/VAWT-on-Liverpool-Front-From-Sarah-Grice-on-Flickr-500x666.jpg o https://i.pinimg.com/736x/fe/fc/29/fefc2955a44425f5edcc07e8619daf1.jpg o http://www.freeenergystore.com/vawt-close-lg.jpg o https://i.pinimg.com/originals/4f/1b/b7/4f1bb740ef83d218e139887ce0553d3e.jpg • Create "community garden plots" as they do in Europe, where people can rent/use a small part of a larger site to grow their own food. Some people excel in growing certain crops; let them do so and barter/swap

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create inter-connected mini solar grids within a suburb, where each house in a village/suburb has solar panels and are interconnected with each other to sooth our electricity use, and create a more stable overall electricity supply for that small, independent area, which can also become independent from the main electricity grid. Yes, I know the electricity companies won't like it, but self-sufficiency for power – (supplemented by mini, cylindrical wind turbines) – has much going for it.
28	<p>As a long-term Coogee resident, I welcome Randwick City Council's commitment to sustainability and our local environment.</p> <p>I've read Council's draft Environment Strategy and while I am not a scientist or planning expert, it appears to outline some reasonable environmental measures. To be honest, when completing the survey, I had difficulty limiting my choices to two to three measures. Why can we adopt all of them?</p> <p>However, I was curious about the targets set as part of these measures. For instance, in the section on 'Biodiversity Conservation', you've said the target is to increase by 30 per cent the number of native and indigenous plantings across the LGA. Why 30 per cent? Why not a bolder target? I'd love to know more about all of the targets Council has set and how you landed upon them.</p> <p>When it comes to public spaces, Council has a great opportunity to converse indigenous plant species and generate more natural habitat for local wildlife. I've noticed in recent years a shift towards trendy exotic plant species in Council's landscaping. I'd love to see Council move to use indigenous plant species exclusively in its landscaping. By doing this Council has an opportunity to increase the chances of survival of our indigenous plant species and extend the natural habitat of local wildlife that currently find refuge in the small strips of native scrub and bushland in the LGA.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the Strategy.</p>
29	<p>The strategy is heading in the right direction but many of the objectives must be, and can easily be, far more ambitious. We don't have the luxury of time to reduce per capita waste generation by only 10% in the next 10 years or to take another 30 years to increase tree canopy cover by 40% or to take another 10 years to achieve a 30% increase in native and indigenous plantings. This is dragging the chain and doing a great disservice to both our local area and planet.</p> <p>Regarding Council operations, I believe it is incumbent upon Randwick Council to follow the lead of the more proactive Councils in Australia that are currently on target to meet zero emissions at a much earlier date than your proposed strategy.</p> <p>A couple of specifics: when replacing street lights with LEDs, please ensure the globes are a 'warm' colour to reduce the deleterious effect of night lighting on insect populations, and when using recycled materials for roads and footpaths please ensure they are a porous material to reduce runoff and the consequent expense of stormwater systems.</p> <p>I've mentioned Julia Watson's book 'Lo-Tek: Designs by Radical Indigenism' to Council before. It details many global examples of local government and community initiatives in good environmental and climate management and would be highly pertinent in informing your environment strategy.</p>

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30	<p>I am very happy to see the goal to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040. Please ensure that there are greater protections to prevent removal of mature trees that are not endangering people or property. If only threatening property, it would be good to have stronger mitigation plans rather than moving directly to removal. I'm aware that there are mature trees in the council area that have been removed under very tenuous reasoning.</p> <p>Please implement programs to STRONGLY encourage greater planting in public and private domains, and provide assistance for selecting appropriate trees including small trees (<7m) for backyards. A publicly viewable council street tree register would be very helpful as well for people to identify different tree types that might be suitable for their needs. It's currently difficult to know which trees are suitable and how big they will grow.</p>
31	<p>Keep aiming towards, reuse, recycle, less waste, create jobs in these sectors and offer incentives for local residents & businesses</p>
32	<p>Streets: Can you please green the streets e.g. with more trees and plants. As the City of Sydney has done.</p> <p>Cycling: Can you please build a safe cycling network. As the City of Sydney is doing. Some streets with separated cycleways. Other streets could be slowed to bike speed and designated as 'Quietways' (as they call them in the UK) or 'bike boulevards' (as they're called in the US.)</p> <p>Liveability: Please apply the thinking of Jan Gehl - who says if you're kind and gentle to the cyclist and the pedestrian you get a sustainable city, you get a safe city, you get a more attractive city and you get a healthy city. https://soundcloud.com/environmentshow/jan-gehl</p>
33	<p>It's great to see Randwick Council's draft Environment Strategy. In my view, there is a key area missing in the Climate Change section, which is sustainable transport. I think Randwick Council should be seeking to maximise zero carbon transport by constructing cycleways, reducing parking and facilitating walking, cycling & bus transport to local schools. I would also like to see more ambitious targets for moving towards zero carbon in Randwick including sourcing all power from renewables for households and businesses and phasing out natural gas.</p>
34	<p>The draft Environmental Strategy is commendable. Along with changing street light bulbs to LED, I would like to suggest consideration be given to reducing the number of street lights. Street and city lights make a huge contribution to light pollution which has a disruptive impact on natural cycles and nocturnal animals. There have been several studies which show reducing street lights does NOT have a negative impact on night visibility or criminal activity. In many streets, there are excessive numbers of street lights. Reducing them would not only reduce costs to council but also have a very positive impact on the environment.</p>
35	<p>I think it's fantastic that Randwick is making an effort to support the environment. Unfortunately, many residents still don't seem to be educated or motivated enough to participate properly in the current recycling programs which leads to a lot of contamination in our recycling bins. If we just introduce food waste collection on top of existing recycling, the contamination issue is likely to worsen. Continuing education about what can and can't go into the recycling bins is needed as well as clearer signage on the actual bins. Aiming high, it would be terrific to have just one bin and then get all rubbish sorted after collection. That would take away the guesswork for users. Is something like this on the radar?</p>

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36	<p>Congratulations on this draft strategy, in particular your choice of four outcomes. I commend many of your approaches, however I feel some lack ambition e.g. reducing GHGs by 60%. Why not net zero by 2050 as with some other councils (e.g. City of Sydney) and many institutions in line with the Paris Agreement? One method of climate change mitigation which could help with this reduction is the introduction of electric garbage trucks. Randwick council could lead the way in this as they have done so in Sutherlandshire. I really feel you could be significantly more ambitious in your targets with SMEs in particular in reducing their GHGs and reduction of single use plastics. The waste generation target needs to be much higher - atleast requiring a 60% reduction to make it even worth mentioning. It's great that there is some focus on sustainable developments, however what about retrofitting older buildings so they are more environmentally and economically sustainable? As someone who works in sustainability, I feel that there is a good skeleton strategy here but it needs significantly more meat in order to be genuinely proud of it.</p>
37	<p>It is certainly worthwhile to increase tree canopy and look at alternative energy sources. However the Strategy primarily consists of a generic motherhood statements about "exploring" options with very little concrete action plans.</p> <p>The main problem in the area is overpopulation and increasing development which Council is not addressing.</p> <p>Council should also look at measurements of local air quality relating to traffic congestion (and increased use of woodburning stoves in winter). It is not sufficient to rely on the EPA measurements for local air pollution as the EPA deliberately sites monitors away from any roads or other local air pollution sources.</p> <p>Allowing huge numbers of people (tourists and residents) post COVID into natural areas even if providing walkways will continue degrade the natural environment.</p> <p>Fred Hollows Park is an unknown natural gem of remnant bushland that Council should look after better. There is often rubbish everywhere, and the signs pointing out natural features should be upgraded as they have faded badly..</p>
38	<p>I agree with most of what is proposed and it is good to see the Council being so pro active. What I do not understand however is that on a daily basis we see the local environment degraded by unsuitable developments. By unsuitable I mean massive high rises which add to congestion and which buildings appear to go to the boundaries of the properties they are on. Trees and bushes disappear. From the environmental impact statements I have seen it seems most trees are diseased and need to be replaced, a very convenient argument indeed. These trees are then replaced at best by wispy plants and there is no room for big trees. Whilst the Council is working towards 40% tree canopy cover that seems to be out of the main built up areas. I can see for example in the area of Coogee valley (Ritchard and Pauling Avenues) developments getting bigger and bigger and covering whole plots. The tree canopy has definitely shrunk. Even when people get rid of trees there seems to be no concerted effort to make them put them back, they are told to but they do not. And this is repeated ad nauseam as you go around the area. Perhaps there should be better follow up system to make sure trees are replaced as well. Thanks</p>
39	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While EV policy good it needs to be upgraded and updated to ensure installation of public superchargers (fee based) 2. Aim to have all Council vehicles using sustainable energy by 2025. 3. Improve cycle path network. 4. Plant native fruit trees in public areas and make available to residents for verges and private gardens. 5. Raise resident awareness of Indigenous environmental history and practices.

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40	<p>1. I thank the GM, the Councillors, Peter and his team for this strategy. Without a strategy good intentions are ad hoc and may even conflict.</p> <p>2. I endorse too the acknowledgement that the accumulation of little things can make a big difference; and that education and persistent is most likely to bring about the broad based behavioural changes required to impact our collective footprint.</p> <p>3. (My opinion is that) Our State government and certainly our Federal government could do much more to improve our environment. City council level has better direct control. We may also hope that these efforts, costly as some may be, are noted politically and the sentiment towards environmental prioritising improves.</p> <p>4. I love:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> that new developments will be required to enhance the local ecology; acknowledgement to generational equity; working to improve and protect native habitat and natural assets. <p>5. Change of necessity does create conflict as new ways are introduced e.g. introduction of new bicycle lanes – which encourages bicycling and reduces car movements but does anger some car drivers who feel they have lost out in terms of road space and parking. Education particularly about the long term benefits to help the recalcitrant is essential.</p> <p>6. Manage Conflict: Remnant Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I note the goal of preservation/enhancement of biodiversity in particular RESBS and the fauna it sustains. I highlight that it is imperative to co-ordinate activities within council departments to ensure this actually happens on the ground. This will require educating and empowering as necessary council operatives and outsourced service providers. This spring we have observed harsh pruning and even razing of native flora along Beach Parade Malabar which has reduced habitat and cover for native birds nesting and left them vulnerable to attack by minor birds, magpies and the like. I know this to be a response to a resident (the complainant told me so directly) requesting pruning in accordance with a 1994 Plan of Management. Solution: ensuring the people on the ground as well as the people who despatch the work force/out-source know the bigger picture. The guys on the ground cut simply because they were told to cut...but now native birds have no native fauna in which to nest along this headland connector. <p>7. Solar:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The transition of Australia's power supply from hydrocarbon to renewable sources is to be encouraged – even if the Federal government subsidise elsewhere. The more we can do at a local level is to be encouraged. There are many as yet un-used solar generation sites in the RCC area. How long until RCC is able to fully offset its consumption? <p>8. Conserve Resources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reusing 'waste' is unimpeachable. Turning compostable waste to compost is also commendable. I heard in the presentation that there was initiate to divert to "waste to energy" plants. If this is to generate methane and burn to provide power, it has my support. <p>However:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I also heard the word pyrolysis used. Only in theory is this good. At least combusting plastic is using the source hydrocarbon twice but it is still highly GHG intense. It is well evidenced that the recombination of combustion gases in waste to energy pyrolysis inevitably produces long lasting pollutants which are distributed widely through the stack (at whatever height) and ultimately into the ground and water systems. If waste streams are homogenous the process can be optimised to eliminate these long lasting poisons but waste streams are only ever homogenous in testing. RCC should not embark on waste to energy programs via pyrolysis – even with

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	<p>Veolia's slickest presentation graphs and even if EPA approved until we can be certain that the only emissions are water and CO2.</p> <p>9. Coastal Protection</p> <p>a. Gross Pollutant Traps are wonderful and to be encouraged, as is further cooperation with Sydney Water.</p> <p>b. It is medieval that our sewerage systems (SW assets) trip into storm water (RCC assets) when there is a blockage – which is an inevitable part of running a wastepipeline-network. Structurally we have created opportunities to regularly dump pollution into our bays. This also provides endless opportunity to point responsibility elsewhere and must end.</p> <p>c. The Draft Strategy does not adequately address this most serious of problems. Can the plan be enhanced to offer a solution to stop raw sewerage from ever running into our bays?</p> <p>10. Diversion of Coogee storm water to Malabar's Sydney Water WWTP.</p> <p>a. It is critical to ensure that the diversion of Coogee storm water to the sewerage streams does not result in over capacity at the Malabar WWTP.</p> <p>b. The plant regularly reaches capacity in times of wet weather from existing flows.</p> <p>c. This requires it to bypass some or all of their treatment processes resulting in partially or un-treated streams being released to the ocean.</p> <p>d. This capacity constraint is only going to tighten with Sydney's primary population growth targets being the Malabar plant's upstream catchment.</p> <p>e. It is critical that the diversion of Coogee water does not ever tip the Malabar WWTP beyond capacity as this is simply a referral of Coogee's problem to Malabar.</p> <p>f. I repeat and highlight: this wouldn't look good as a Telegraph headline....Malabar battlers get Coogee silver spoons' sh**.</p> <p>g. The strategy should do more to address this problem structurally as written it appears to be good intentions leading to bad unintended consequences.</p>
41	<p>May I congratulate Randwick Council for its far-sighted Strategy. This has obviously been a lot of work, and more importantly has entailed a lot of col sectors of Council.</p> <p>Were there to be no further enhancements of this Strategy, it would be a great boon to our City. Even so, I hope some of the suggestions offered below will be of some help. I shall start with a particular Strategy, then provide a suggestion on how to make it even better.</p> <p>1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>It may also be feasible to develop the urban forests between these sites to enhance connectivity as well. This might be possible using two interconnected strategies: plantings along the nature stripes and other land owned by Council; and encouraging residents to put significant plants onto their properties.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1.2 Review our partnership with NSW Department of Lands, to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential, and seek</p>

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	<p>divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Some private lands also have biodiversity potential, which could add to the biodiversity of the LGA. Perhaps UNSW students of Landscape Architecture could help with a survey?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1.6 Review the feasibility of upgrading the glasshouse facility at Council's Community Nursery by 2021, towards expanding its production potential.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Council might also review the feasibility of the nursery selling La Trobe University nesting boxes https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/nesting-boxes</p> <p>If nesting boxes could be provided for animals that help with pollination, predation of zoonotic carriers and with fostering endemic Australian animals, this could enhance the connectivity of the local ecosystems.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>2.4 Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Electrical energy could also be saved by ensuring street lights don't turn on during the day.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>4.1 Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) network by 2027 by installing one new GPT each year, on major drainage lines currently without existing controls, located in the east and south of Randwick City.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Other techniques could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to encourage residents to install rainwater tanks, since these are demonstrably effective in reducing runoff during storms; and * to allow developments to have stormwater retention tanks which encourage infiltration into the soil, particularly in the sandy areas of Randwick City. (I have installed one at our place, and I'd be happy to help provide specifications, of that were desirable.) <p>-----</p> <p>4.5 Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Consider installing dolphin plaques at drainage inlets to remind people that the discharges from gutters flow into our ocean.</p>
42	<p>Don't make Coogee beach better by making Long Bay worse! By diverting storm water from Coogee to Malabar and in turn to Long Bay will have A catastrophic on our water and lifestyle. Malabar residents are just as important as Coogee residents !</p>

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43	<p>BIKEast is pleased to make this submission on Council's Draft Randwick Environment Strategy. We applaud and support the efforts of Council to conserve resources, reduce stationary energy use, and protect our coastlines and biodiversity. However, we believe that any serious environment strategy must include a focus on our transport networks and prioritise sustainable transport. A plan for the environment must address transportation. The NSW State of the Environment 2018 reports that while energy consumption overall has decreased over the last few years, "the transport sector continues to be the highest user of energy (45% of energy use in 2015-16)" and energy use for transport continues to rise. Improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are undermined by our continued prioritisation of petroleum-powered private vehicles in our transportation planning. From the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to the New South Wales Future Transport 2056 Plan and the Randwick Place Strategy, there is recognition that we must shift toward low-carbon transport strategies, including mass transit, walking, and bicycling. The environmental benefits of active transport go beyond energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and include reductions in noise, air, and light pollution; reduced need for impervious surfaces for traffic lanes and parking lots; and reduced roadkill and impacts on wildlife. As we have seen during the Coronavirus pandemic, a reduction in automobile use and an increase in active travel creates immediate and obvious improvements in air quality, and the character of urban spaces. We request that Council's Draft Environment Strategy Outcome 2 be amended to acknowledge the importance of active transport, to consider and promote active transport in all Council actions, and to include specific targets for mass transit and active transport use and the implementation of associated infrastructure (including shared/dedicated pedestrian and bicycle pathways.) Suggested additions to Objective 2 Strategy 2.1 includes the adoption of the Greater Sydney Commission's target of 40% tree canopy. We support this strategy and suggest that Council adopt the entire text of the GSC Planning Priority E17, i.e. "delivering Green Grid connections" that will support walking and cycling. Strategy 2.3 requires that all Council plans detail climate impacts. We support this strategy and suggest that it also explicitly references 'transport analysis' as a critical component of any adopted methodology. www.bikeast.org.au Affiliated to: Page 1 of 2 Submission on the Draft Randwick City Environment Strategy In addition to these suggested additions, BIKEast suggests the following new strategies be added with the objective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing strong mass transit, walking and cycling targets for all trips within Randwick City. • Prioritising safe and accessible routes within and between local centres in Randwick City and beyond, consistent with GSC Planning Priority E10. • Ensuring the staff travel policy prioritises the use of active transport and public transport where possible. • Developing a public information campaign on the relationships between transport choices and climate change, and include support for transport behaviour change programs. <p>Concluding Remarks BIKEast supports Council's commitment to maintaining and improving the local environment, and applaud the intent of the Draft Environment Strategy. We encourage Council to take a more assertive stance toward transport reform. Without such leadership (and political will) progress toward the goals of this Strategy will be difficult to achieve. Thank you for taking the time to consider our feedback.</p>
44	No diversion of waste from Coogee stormwater to Malabar treatment plant - concern
45	The plans to divert storm water from Coogee to Malabar must ensure that the storm water does not cause overflow into Malabar and Long Bay. Malabar does not get the attention of some of the more high profile beaches such as Clovelly and Coogee but their improvement would not be at the expense of Malabar.

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46	<p>Very positive plan, and would like to see a lot of this implemented.</p> <p>However, I have very strong reservations about 4.2 Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater to MWTP.</p> <p>I believe Sydney water have been told that MWTP is unable to cater for increases in stormwater and have requested RCC to ensure stormwater is not finding it's way into the sewage network.</p> <p>Before this is put in place, what mitigation will be in place in MWTP to ENSURE residents and users of Malabar Beach and Long Bay will not be adversely affected by this initiative</p> <p>If this cannot be accomplished, then the initiative fails this strategy's equitable principle, as it would cause emergency dumps directly into Long Bay, adversely affecting the residents and users of Long Bay and Malabar Beach.</p> <p>The water quality in Long Bay and Malabar Beach is continually improving from hard work by council, MWTP, Sydney Water and local residents. Implementation of an initiative that degrades that effort is strongly opposed by myself and my community.</p> <p>Should this initiative be selected, I would expect my council ensures the project decisions to be open and transparent. Publication of the solution details, it's potential impacts and solution selection criteria, and timely mandated community consultation with the detailed information made available, would be the minimum standard of conducting this project.</p>
47	<p>There are far too many instances where it says 'review'. That takes ages and means delay, delay. And timeline is too far out. This all needs to happen in next year. It's too late for 2040.</p>
48	<p>The plastics industry codes waste into seven categories based on chemical makeup for the purpose of recycling. We are told that if a number inside a triangle is stamped on our plastic containers it means that it can be recycled, in theory. Therefore, I place all my waste plastic into the recycling bin if it has a number inside a triangle stamped on it. The problem is, I feel as if I'm doing the wrong thing because there are media reports that say many of these plastics cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Section 3.2 of the of the Draft Environment Strategy talks about a recycling education campaign and I feel this would be helpful. I particularly think there should be an explanation of Randwick Council's recycling processes on their website.</p> <p>Further, (1) I suggest that the council have a section on it's website that explains what plastics it can currently recycle, how it manages to do this, how it monitors downstream processes that are not under its direct control, and list the final products that plastics are recycled into. (2) If plastics are not recycled, the website should indicate how they are disposed of or, alternatively, stored. (3) The Council could also indicate how all of the coded plastics might be recycled in theory. (4) The website should also have suggestions for industries, businesses and residents on what they can do to reduce waste, lengthen the waste life-cycle and make final waste benign.</p>
49	<p>Disappointing to see such little (to no) mention of the significant role of sustainable active travel (walking and cycling) on environmental impact such as climate change. I suggest council liaise with BIKEast to improve strategies around sustainable transport.</p>

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50	<p>LOVE LOVE LOVE this strategy, it makes me proud to be a resident of Randwick. Thank you for this great leadership and realistic, practical ways to reduce our environmental impact.</p> <p>There are two things I was hoping to see, but don't.</p> <p>1) ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING How can Randwick residents like me with no off-street parking ever replace my diesel car with an electric one? I want to see public on-street parking spaces (like those opposite my house!) have pay-per-use electric car charging capability.</p> <p>2) HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY How can Randwick residents like me with old, cold houses figure affordable and effective ways to increase the energy efficiency of our homes? I don't know what to do to reduce my energy consumption, which is high.</p> <p>I'm sure there are many others in the same boat.</p>
51	<p>I support all the proposed initiatives in the draft Environment Strategy and agree the local government needs to do its part to mitigate and plan for climate change impacts. However, I wish the strategy included measures to facilitate the use of active transport (safe and pleasant walking and cycling paths) in the Randwick Council area. I lived in Randwick recently and the most negative aspect of living here was the heavy traffic combined with lack of green buffers - it meant that walking to work was unhealthy and kind of stressful due to the pollution from cars and the noise.</p> <p>I am glad the strategy includes increasing the tree cover/amount of vegetation because it makes such a huge difference to how pleasant it is to walk around a neighbourhood - the walking path next to the racecourse on Wansey and Alison Roads is now lovely despite the heavy traffic next to it.</p> <p>Additionally - this may just be a pipedream, but if there is any chance the Randwick Racecourse could be turned into a public park and nature reserve, that would be amazing. I just don't see horse racing enduring over the next century. Having this extra green space that anybody could enjoy would be transformational.</p>
52	<p>Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting our environment and the lives within it!</p>

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53	<p>I think it is a bold and comprehensive plan but there are several suggestions. The plastics industry codes waste into seven categories based on chemical makeup for the purpose of recycling. We are told that if a number inside a triangle is stamped on our plastic containers it means that it can be recycled, in theory. Therefore, I place all my waste plastic into the recycling bin if it has a number inside a triangle stamped on it. The problem is, I feel as if I'm doing the wrong thing because there are media reports that say many of these plastics cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Section 3.2 of the of the Draft Environment Strategy talks about a recycling education campaign and I feel this would be helpful. I particularly think there should be an explanation of Randwick Council's recycling processes on their website.</p> <p>Further, (1) I suggest that the council have a section on it's website that explains what plastics it can currently recycle, how it manages to do this, how it monitors downstream processes that are not under its direct control, and list the final products that plastics are recycled into. (2) If plastics are not recycled, the website should indicate how they are disposed of or, alternatively, stored. (3) The Council could also indicate how all of the coded plastics might be recycled in theory. (4) The website should also have suggestions for industries, businesses and residents on what they can do to reduce waste, lengthen the waste life-cycle and make final waste benign.</p>

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54	<p>First of all, I would like to thank you for providing the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Council draft environment strategy. LGAs play a key role in addressing the major environmental challenges we face and in developing solutions to enable a sustainable model for our societies. It is therefore great to see the work that the Council has already done in this field, such as the rain water tank being installed at Maroubra beach and the upcoming FOGO, and the one it is preparing for the coming years under this new environment strategy. You will find in the present submission some general comments on the draft environment strategy as well as detailed comments on the broad outcomes and associated objectives and strategic approaches defined in the draft strategy.</p> <p>I hope these will be useful and thank you again for this opportunity to contribute.</p> <p>General comments</p> <p>Although the strategy seems to address most relevant areas falling under the Council's responsibilities via the 4 broad outcomes it is proposing, my general feeling is that some of the 6 broad objectives should be more ambitious and that the strategy needs some additional broad objectives.</p> <p>Whilst I agree with the importance and relevance of the objectives defined across Randwick City Council and to have the Council engaged in information and education programs to promote changes in some aspects of our daily lives across the whole community, it is equally important to see the Council continue to lead by example in its own activities. I therefore feel that the strategy should also include clear objectives and strategic approaches related to the council's own activities and impacts.</p> <p>In addition, the strategy does not seem to address the impact the Council can have through its buying power and sourcing strategy/policy in regards to the environment. If this is not the case already, could the Council add objectives aiming at having procurement practices that ensure 100% of products/services sourced are ethical and sustainable?</p> <p>Finally, transports are a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions but doesn't appear to be expressly addressed in this strategy. It would be important to see the Council take further actions to promote the use of sustainable transports and further develop appropriate infrastructure, such as additional cycle ways, bike racks etc. to enable more people to embrace sustainable transports and reduce the use of private vehicles for day to day activities.</p> <p>Detailed comments</p> <p>1. Outcome 1 - Biodiversity conservation</p> <p>In 1.4, it is not clear, beyond the mapping of native habitat what the objective is in terms of surface area of preserved native habitat, assuming that one would like to aim for both an increase of the area of preserved habitats and an improvement of their "quality". Some quantitative objectives would be clearer.</p> <p>Although it is covered as a strategic approach in the climate change outcome, increasing the tree canopy coverage to 40% by 2040 may also be key for outcome 1 and seems important enough to be an objective on its own.</p> <p>2. Outcome 2 – Climate change</p> <p>Aiming to be a zero emission community rather than aiming for a 60% reduction (noting that the reference year is not defined) would seem more ambitious and more appropriate in view of the overall reduction that has to be achieved nationally and internationally to meet the target of keeping the increase in temperature below 2°C and ideally below 1.5°C.</p> <p>As a minimum the Council could aim for its own operation to have zero emission by 2030.</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1 the strategic approach and objective appear stronger and clearer on the website as it clearly states that the aim is to achieve 40% tree canopy coverage over the Council area rather than stating to "adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40%..." - 2.4 in addition to this great initiative, is it envisaged in parallel to review the lighting requirements to see if energy can also be saved by reducing the lighting in some areas/during certain time?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In view of the overall GES reduction objectives, I feel that 2.7 and 2.8 are not ambitious enough. - In line with general comments above, it would be good to see some strategic approach for the council's own operation (e.g. reduction of its fossil fuel consumption by X% by developing its fleet of electrical vehicle/reducing the use of its conventional fuel vehicle, etc.). - Although the council has already done some very good work around bike path, the strategy doesn't explicitly define actions/strategic approaches related to the development of sustainable transports which I believe is an important gap that should be filled. <p>3. Outcome 3 – Conserve resources</p> <p>As per outcome 2, the objective related to the reduction of the consumption of energy and water across Randwick city per capita should be more ambitious. It would also be logical to have formal objectives on this for the Council's own operation as well as objectives related to reducing the amount of waste generated by the council activities (with a target of zero waste to landfill?).</p> <p>Having embraced a zero waste philosophy for some years now, we have seen that there are huge potential for reducing our wastes with some easy wins in our daily life. Knowing how important reducing our waste is to address the environmental challenges we face, the 10% reduction by 2030 objectives (3.2) seems very limited and not up to the issues we face. On the same token a more ambitious approach to tackling the issues related to single use plastic, and in broader terms disposable/single use items, strategic approach 3.6 doesn't seem ambitious enough.</p> <p>In addition to the initiatives listed in 3.2, developing local infrastructure to promote and facilitate reuse of products would also be important.</p>

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55	<p>Climate Action Sydney Eastern Suburbs (CASES) has recently helped Randwick City Council increase their canopy target from 18% to 40% by 2040 to align with the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) target. However, this has not been stated as an Objective in the Draft Environment Strategy, despite what the emails inviting submissions say. Because this change is so recent, there is no Strategic Approach worked out to achieve it – 2.1 merely states the objective as a strategic approach under the Climate Change Outcome.</p> <p>In addition, there is no Objective stated for Active Transport. It has been a long-held policy of Randwick CC to encourage Cycling and Walking. This was clearly stated on the establishment of Council's CABFAC (Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee) and repeated in the recent draft Randwick Junction Town Centre (RJTC) Plan, soon to go on public consultation. This is all the more important now that there are restrictions on the use of public transport, due to COVID-19. This policy is clearly designed to reduce the amount of emissions from vehicles, which are increasingly diesel powered. Measurements of air pollution around schools during drop off and pick up times show an alarming increase. Increases in Active Transport and Public Transport, or a Reduction in Private Car Use, should be another Objective under the Climate Change Outcome.</p> <p>For a number of years, and after having been knocked off my bike a couple of times, I have been attempting to get Safe Cycling in Randwick, particularly to the RJTC, with the near-by Prince of Wales (POW) Hospital and University of NSW (UNSW), from all directions. Despite resolutions from the Randwick Precinct Committee and my being allowed by Council to join CABFAC as a community representative, I have not succeeded, and my wife forbids me from cycling to the RJTC, POW, UNSW or anywhere else except Centennial Park, close-by. The draft RJTC Plan, presented to the Randwick Precinct Committee at their recent meeting, admits the problem and has no solution, except for bike Parking (Infrastructure in Place). CABFAC admitted the problem a couple of years ago, when I submitted a document on Safe Cycle Access to the Randwick Light Rail Terminus, but refused to depart from the Randwick Cycling Plan. This was developed and mapped in 2009, with \$5M allocated for implementation. The Cycling Routes were given Priorities in 2015, after public consultation, yet none of the planned cycleways had been built or future routes marked out with cycle symbols and wayfaring signs by 2018. CABFAC did, however, suggest Council might review their Priorities for Bike Routes in 2020 to allow for missing routes from the north and south (Initiative for Bicycle Riders - Pending Item 18/19).</p> <p>Having failed to get Safe Cycling in Randwick, I turned my attention to Safe Walking. I noticed that Waverley not only had a safer cycling network but also had the beginning of a Green Link Network painted on the footpaths for pedestrians between Queen's Park and neighbouring suburbs. I suggested this idea to Randwick Council and was encouraged to pursue it. The idea is that walkers and joggers should stick to back streets, alleyways, avenues and reserves that are shady (up to 11 degrees cooler) and preferably away from traffic fumes (a cause of asthma and lung cancer). I have since discovered that the Green Links idea came from the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) Green Grid concept.</p> <p>However, the Green Grid concept of the GSC was envisioned for all types of active transport and designed to link green parks and reserves to town centres and beaches, where people congregate. It is flawed in three ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 It includes main roads, such as Anzac Parade and Bondi Road, which are choked with traffic (noisy and air polluted) and have parking in town centres, so that there is no room for cycleways and they are unpleasant for recreational walking. Randwick have abandoned attempts to have a cycleway down Anzac Parade through Kingsford since the Light Rail does not accommodate it. Waverley have abandoned Bondi Road and provided a safe back street route from Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach. 2 It promotes Shared Paths, which are a problem for pedestrians and perambulators when they become busy with cyclists, and vice versa. This raises the problem of cyclists on footpaths generally, particularly around the RJTC and UNSW. We participated in an official cyclist count at the crossroads at the eastern corner of High Cross Park during a morning rush hour - about a half of the cyclists were on the footpaths rather than roads. Shared Paths should be designed to be wide enough for both pedestrians and cyclists in both directions, preferably with marked

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	<p>separation, like cycle lanes on roads.</p> <p>3 The Green Links may be made greener with plantings but they are rarely shaded, an essential feature for runners and walkers in summer, which is becoming half the year. The only part of the Green Grid included in my Pedestrian Green Link Network is the Coastal Walkway. Ironically, this has very little canopy, but is usually blessed by sea breezes. The Coastal Walkway should be prohibited for adult cyclists (see 2) and an alternative safe cycling route provided.</p> <p>4 The Sydney Green Grid Plan includes all existing cycleways and very little else. The Randwick LGA appears as a 'white hole' on the map, with only Anzac Parade and the existing N-S cycling route of Fern St, Mount St and Malabar Rd shown. Clovelly Road is mistakenly shown as a Green Link on one map, then corrected to McPherson Street on the next. There are no Green Links shown to the RJTC. Councils are presumably expected to develop their own Green Links and map out their own part of the Green Grid.</p> <p>I proposed a timely initiative under the 3 Councils' Climate Action Community for Impact program for CASES, BikeEast, Safe Cycling Randwick, WalkSydney, CABFAC and the 3 Councils' Sustainability Group to work on: SATIN - Safe Active Transport Infrastructure and Networks. I have also suggested that CABFAC be renamed as it has for some time been considering walking as well as cycling: it could be named ACTIFAC (Active Transport Infrastructure and Facilities Advisory Committee).</p> <p>SATIN is a strategic approach to achieving two Active Transport Objectives, which should be in the Environment Strategy under the Climate Change Outcome: a Safe Cycling Network and a separate Pedestrian Green Link Network for walking, perambulating and jogging. Canopy creation and Verge Gardens should be directed to the Pedestrian Green Link Network as well as to places where people congregate, such as parks and reserves and shop and restaurant strips. The two networks should only overlap where both safe cycling and separated shady walking can be accommodated, such as McPherson Street in Waverley.</p> <p>Since Waverley Council are developing a Walking Strategy, I will also make a similar submission to them for their consideration.</p>

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56	<p>I congratulate Randwick Council on taking such a positive and direct approach to improving and protecting our environment with the Draft Environment Strategy (DES). Further action could include:</p> <p>1) Climate change is causing our summers to be hotter and longer, so more tree cover will be necessary to make our city cooler (Beautiful trees, not just bushes). Section 2.1 states that the Council should adopt a target of 40% tree canopy by 2040. There are plenty of bare median strips, roundabouts and sidewalks in the municipality. This program should be front loaded so that we see the results of new tree plantings immediately.</p> <p>2) The central objective for climate change mitigation in the DES is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Randwick City by 60% by 2030. This is vital at a minimum and we could go further. Our world is made up of many small communities who will jointly tackle climate change only if they have confidence in the combined effort. We need to show the rest of the world that we are doing our part.</p> <p>3) While electric cars powered by renewable energy are the Green solution to our transport needs, Australia's adoption rate is low relative to many other countries. One reason for this is a porous charging station network. Randwick Council have been on the front foot in installing several charging stations but more can be done. Fast charging stations (50kw) make trips more feasible and queues shorter.</p>
57	<p>Ref Outcome 4, section 4.2.</p> <p>"Maximise stormwater harvesting at Coogee and partner with Sydney Water to divert stormwater from 1-month storm events into their infrastructure and away from Coogee Beach by 2022, to achieve a "Good" or better water quality rating as per the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Beachwatch Water Quality Program."</p> <p>I am extremely concerned that diverting stormwater from Coogee to make that beach look good, will mean diverting stormwater to Malabar treatment plant whether that plant can accommodate the additional stormwater or not. If the additional stormwater cannot be accommodated by the Malabar treatment plant then Malabar beach will suffer for the sake of Coogee beach. If this is the plan how is that fair to Malabar local residents such as my family and friends who use Malabar beach on a regular basis.</p>
58	<p>I am in support of the strategy and urge the council to go as far as they can in every way to protect the environment, respect the traditional owners of this land and their requests in every way possible</p>

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59	<p>I am writing to make a submission regarding Randwick Council's Draft Environmental Strategy which has been put before public exhibition. While the draft has considered strategic actions to solve or reduce environmental impact, we note that at this stage detailed actions points with regards to how Council will - "Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO2 equivalent) across Randwick City by 60% by 2030." are not outlined. While we understand this to be a high-level strategy document, we would like to provide comments on the potential role of carshare as a strategic tool.</p> <p>We believe that the strategy would benefit from adding an additional action item, 2.10 to the draft environmental strategy:</p> <p>to "reduce overall transport emissions within the LGA and those released by Councils own transport use".</p> <p>Transport is Australia's third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions (96MtCO2e per year, 17% of total emissions) (Australian Government 2017a). Transport emissions have grown more than any other sector, increasing nearly 60% since 1990 (Australian Government 2017a). Privately owned cars are responsible for roughly 50% of all transport emissions in Australia. Carshare is in a unique position to be able assist with reducing these emissions as the service acts almost as an opt in road user charge, presenting individuals with the true cost of car travel. As such carshare members have been found to reduce the total number of km's they drive by up to 50% (Phillip Boyle & Assoc, 2016)</p> <p>Vehicles in professional carshare fleets are also much newer and more fuel-efficient than the average vehicle. They emit fewer greenhouse gases and fewer urban air pollutants such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides. So, in addition to driving less overall, a car share driver will consequently produce fewer emissions per kilometre than the average private driver. Increased uptake of car sharing will contribute to the realisation of Councils target of reducing greenhouse emissions by 60% by 2030</p> <p>Supporting the role of Carshare in solving transport emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carshare reduces overall emissions of members through reduction of driving. • Consideration of new ways of providing carshare - such as cars at public transport hubs - can further reduce the amount of km's driven by incentivising public transport use for the bulk of a journey. • Further support for carshare through promotional avenues options, as well as adhering to the environment strategies goals of equity by ensuring fees charged to private vehicles are equivalent to carshare. <p>In addition to the opportunities carshare provides to support Council in its goal of reducing overall emissions, there are clear avenues with which the strategic growth of our service can support Councils goals in other areas of this strategy. For instance, by utilising carshare as a strategy to reduce overall parking demand Council may be able to increase the overall tree canopy via street trees where traditional parking would have previously occupied.</p> <p>These are just some examples of the role carshare can play to assist Council in achieving its sustainability goals. We look forward to working with Council staff in the future to build a healthier and greener Randwick...</p> <p>Regards, GoGet Carshare</p>

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60	<p>I am very supportive of Randwick Council's efforts to improve the environment at any level, inside or outside the LGA.</p> <p>Generally, the plan is well intentioned, but for something we want to serve as a ten year guide I was surprised there wasn't more substance to it. For example, I would hope to see baseline measurement points included and perhaps targets broken down with 1-2 year mileposts to gauge progress. Perhaps something of an implementation section outlining strategies that could be used to achieve the goals of the plan.</p> <p>Please see specific remarks below. I would appreciate a response outlining any changes made to the proposed plan, and would be happy to re-review if that is helpful.</p> <p>OUTCOME 1 Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>> Increase by 30%, the number of native and Indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs baseline measurement • This leaves out fauna. Below I suggest adding an outcome specifically for that. <p>STRATEGIC APPROACH</p> <p>> 1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems impossible to "improve" connectivity simply by "maintaining" it at a fixed amount (assuming it is currently at that fixed amount of 14,000m2). Should this read "create and maintain"? • Suggestion: "For connectivity of key bushland, increase from ____m2 to 14,000m2 of appropriate locally indigenous species of ground covers, and shrubs for habitat..." <p>Add strategic approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand connectivity by creating ____m2 of new appropriate native ground covers, shrubs and trees in council parks for habitat. For example, sites along the coastal walk (Shark Point, Dunningham Reserve, etc) have ample room for new and expanded habitat areas. • Increase backyard habitat programs through residential incentives. <p>Add new outcome: "Increase by 90%, the abundance of aquatic and terrestrial (including bird) native fauna across Randwick City and coastline by 2030."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure at a per-species level as number of individuals compared to baseline. • Focus on uncommon species of local conservation significance (e.g. Fairy Wrens, New Holland Honey Eaters, Spotted Pardalote, migratory species and uncommon shore birds etc) • As a Randwick City strategy that could specifically improve marine conditions, consider efforts to minimize the use of disposable plastics and reduce plastic pollution that ends up in the ocean. <p>Add objective to see increase in invertebrate numbers and diversity.</p> <p>Add strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to prevent small scale "exempt and complying developments" or other larger permitted developments which result in the loss of habitat. • Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage the depaving of public and private spaces. • Increase biodiversity habitat by developing incentives to encourage native vegetation planting on private property. <p>OUTCOME 2 Climate Change</p> <p>> Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits.</p> <p>There appears to be no mention of tree canopy coverage in the most recent Randwick "State of Our Environment" report (2018-2019). Suggestion:</p>

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<p>Adopt the Greater Sydney Commission target of 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040, to provide habitat, shade and heat reduction benefits. Publicly report on canopy coverage annually so progress on this strategy can be measured.</p> <p>> Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse[sic] gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum.</p> <p>Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 July 1, 2021 to reduce greenhouse greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum. Begin the program immediately by mandating the use of LED as replacement lights whenever needed.</p> <p>> Implement by 2022 information and delivery programs such as the Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs) to increase rooftop solar installations by 20% for Randwick householders and businesses, including those living in single dwellings and multi-unit dwellings. This strategy is on the right track but if I understand it correctly, it seems insufficiently ambitious.</p> <p>A 20% increase (over 2020 numbers?) by 2030 is not a large increase in ten years. Suggestion: Implement by 2022 July 1, 2021 information and delivery programs such as the Australian Energy Foundation (or similar programs). Set the goal of to increase increasing rooftop solar installations by 20% to 60% (or by 60%, whichever is larger) for Randwick householders and businesses, including those living in single dwellings and multi-unit dwellings.</p> <p>> Facilitate solar installations or energy saving measures across community organisations, clubs (RSL) and remaining schools across Randwick city, via the Solar My Schools initiative and its extension, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at these locations by 10% by 2025. This is a great strategy and it would be fantastic if the goal could be 25% rather than 10%.</p> <p>> Procure 100% of Council's electricity through renewable energy power purchase agreement (PPA) by 2025.</p> <p>Considering the council has direct immediate control of this and can lead by example, it is essential that the PPA be in place much sooner. I signed my house up for green energy the day I moved in (purchase time: one day). Is there a legitimate reason the council could not have a PPA in place by the first day of the next fiscal year - July 1, 2021?</p> <p>> Partner with 10% of small businesses across Randwick City and engage on energy savings programs to achieve a 10% reduction in their greenhouse gas emissions by 2025. This is commendable, and should be kept.</p> <p>Potential additional strategy:</p> <p>Implement a variable green energy supply transition challenge which would operate as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage Randwick Council residents and staff to become green-power purchasers. ● For every KWH of green power purchased by Randwick residents or staff, Randwick Council will purchase a matching amount of green power for its own operations (capped based on the energy use of the council). ● This would encourage residents to advocate neighbor-to-neighbor, and staff to advocate peer-to-peer, and double the green-energy impact the council could have. <p>Add strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lobby state and federal governments for positive action on climate change and renewable energy. ● Consider possibilities to alter rates/fees/charges in ways that better account for the high externalized costs of carbon pollution. For example, "section charges on rails, pipes, cables and poles" could be increased for gas and oil companies, with the additional revenue used to support climate mitigation efforts. See: "AGL and other gas and oil companies possess, occupy or enjoy structures located on, under or over public land in Randwick City. The Council will make a charge based on the revenue benefit derived from these structures by AGL and other oil and gas companies." Operational Plan and Budget 2020-2021 (p. 101) ● Consider possibilities to alter rates/fees/charges in ways that incentivize transitions to low carbon alternatives. For example, paid parking and residential parking permits for

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	<p>electric vehicles could be lower than their non-electric alternatives; such things could be revenue neutral (or even revenue positive) by increasing the rates for the non-electric parking.</p> <p>OUTCOME 3 Conserve Resources</p> <p>For an informed public consultation, please provide baseline measurements - a) for transparency, and b) to allow people to determine exactly how ambitious or not the proposed measures are.</p> <p>> Increase residential recycling to 70% across Randwick City and divert 75% waste from landfill by 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current rate? • Additional approach should be providing parity between bin & recycling offerings. • Trial incentives to allow residents to opt-in to twice-monthly bin collection. • Generally feel this outcome's approaches should be much more ambitious. <p>OUTCOME 4 Coastal Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community education. • Community surveys seem non-scientific. Need more accurate measurement of coastal pollution. • Identify hotspots of coastal pollution [litter & biochemical]; work with businesses & residents to tackle these. <p>> Strengthen the LEP by 2021 to include new coastal planning provisions to ensure all new development complies with the communities desired future character principles of the coastal zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • also emphasize the need to protect existing vegetation from developments, in strategy

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61	<p>There are many encouraging things in the draft Environment Strategy, thank you for putting this document together and I am very much looking forward to the strategy implements.</p> <p>I do think that there are some missed opportunities:</p> <p>I would like to see more focus around engagement with companies with a sustainability or climate change focus, such that the council can encourage its contractors to think holistically as well. For example, the council's PPA is with Origin Energy, who is doing shale gas drilling in the Northern Territory, which if allowed to continue, will undo all the hard work the Council is doing for CO2 mitigation (outcome 2)</p> <p>Another example is Land Lease, who is involved with a project in SW Sydney that will clear critical koala habitat, so while its may not affect local biodiversity, we are indirectly funding habitat loss when they win work in our locality (outcome 1). Is it possible to evaluate DAs against company sustainability performance as well?</p> <p>Could the Council develop a sustainable technical design guideline, or company sustainability criteria that the council evaluates again for major projects and development applications?</p> <p>With conserving resources I believe further education of residents and businesses about how to reduce waste and recycle is required. Would the council consider a repair cafe program? Can the council mandate that businesses must not use disposables for dine-ins?</p> <p>The above point also relates to 4, coastal protection. There is so much waste on my street near Anzac Parade 9 ways, some domestic and some from businesses. e.g. Macdonald wrappers and chips packaging, and many will end up in our waters. More resources such as public art doubling as PSA, posters for bins, penalties for businesses, etc may be able to help reduce the amount of garbage that ends up on our streets. Are we looking at what is being caught by the GTP? it might be good to think about how to reduce those waste at the source.</p>

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62	<p>1. While appreciating environmental strategy focuses on the natural environment and people's interaction (impact) with it, the focus is too narrow. I consider you should incorporate the built environment into this strategy, particularly the extensive range of heritage items in the City. Ultimately the built environment has an enormous impact on the quality of life of residents and their impact with the natural environment. Therefore, Council needs to extensively map topography, aspect (solar access), wind patterns and water flow (partially done through floodplain studies) across the City.</p> <p>I am concerned about excessive tree canopy being imposed on areas which are built up (medium/ high density) and the associated dwellings being in perpetual gloom, whereas intelligent building design (eaves, insulation) etc can resolve heat impacts. In addition a dense tree canopy (especially natives which constantly shed leaves) can lead together with leaf run-off blocking gutters (Council only sweeps gutters one or two times a year - at best and vehicles parked make the job incomplete). I discuss tree canopy further below.</p> <p>2. Concern about 40% tree cover. The statistics regarding tree cover in Randwick City need to be analysed more carefully to make sense of the claim that the City has insufficient tree cover. A large percentage of the city is open space in southern part (eg golf courses). This open space has a very low level of tree cover although arguably the best area to improve tree cover. Built-up densely populated areas of the City already have a very good level of tree cover. Any 40% initiatives on tree cover need to ensure that this is implemented in those areas with low existing tree cover. I welcome Council's move to focus on native vegetation (including shrub cover) in favour of large trees.</p> <p>3. Waste management. I consider Council needs to take a more nuanced approach in collecting waste and recyclables. I expect there would be vast differences between houses and multi-unit housing in adherence to Council's current sorting / non-contamination guidelines. I consider that in multi-unit housing Council should provide bins which encourage correct sorting – for example paper bins with narrow slots, container bins sized for a large bottle etc. These would not be practical for a single dwelling due to an excessive number of bins, but where multiple bins are provided to one multi-unit address, greater options are available. I also consider that Council should provide bins with 'see through' sides so it's very clear what has been deposited.</p> <p>On 'council clean-ups' I consider an investigation should be made for a permanent drop-off point for use by residents (perhaps booking required). It's a shame and waste that so much serviceable furniture ends up in landfill. The drop-off point (warehouse) could be open to the public (residents and non residents) to purchase (gold coin donation) the furniture dropped off by residents. Could Council consider a joint initiative with Waverley and Woollahra Councils for something along the lines of 'reverse garbage' as operates in Marrickville?</p>
63	<p>Why can't the tree canopy of 40% coverage be implemented by 2025? With 12% canopy coverage (the same as Botany) it is about time that trees were protected on every Development site and STRICT implementation of replacement trees adhered to. I am sick of seeing every block of land in my area of Maroubra clear felled and almost NO trees being replanted after construction. With Randwick Municipality ballooning we need as much green space as possible with less asphalt and concrete and more natural grass, trees and plants - so far there is too little. Stop allowing removal of substantial trees on Council medium strips unless every other alternative has been assessed. I have also been told that Council has required home owners to remove trees when a DA is approved even though this was not requested. The precious Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub needs more protection from Developers and the public who do not appreciate or understand it's importance for the East and may inadvertently destroy it.</p>

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64	<p>Randwick City Council is to be commended for giving some thought to the environmental impact of climate change and ways in which households, businesses and community groups can help to ameliorate it. However, naming this document as a Strategy is inaccurate - as the Introduction to the document states, it only provides long-term goals. It lacks the budget, costings and information about the sources of funding necessary to enable it to stand as a Strategy. Further, interested community members need specifics on costings and funding to be able to make meaningful assessments of the goals and the proposed timeframes.</p> <p>The general statement in the Introduction that 'Caring for our environment requires all of us to do the little things that make a difference' suggests that the little things will be outlined and the differences they will make will be discussed. However, the objectives listed in the Outcomes are not 'little things', with the exception of the proposal that households separate food waste from recyclables and other garbage. Most outcomes are likely to have hefty price tags attached eg Outcome 2 Objective: 'Reduce greenhouse gas emissions ... across Randwick City by 60% by 2030' or Outcome 3 Objective 2: 'Reduce consumption of energy and water across Randwick City by 60% by 2030'.</p> <p>If Council is planning to encourage households and/or businesses to invest in new or different technologies eg solar panels, water tanks or heat pumps, it would be helpful to know how Council plans to do that. Will Council be negotiating bulk purchase discounts for such items, for example?</p> <p>We have used the verb 'encourage' rather than 'require' or demand that investment be made in new technologies, as the impact of the current recession and its longevity are not quantifiable. If Council endorses the goals published as the Strategy, it is imperative that compliance be voluntary.</p> <p>The reality is that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNSW has shed staff and more sackings are imminent. Many staff who have kept their positions have had their hours and incomes cut; 2. international students are not able to come to Australia for the foreseeable future, reducing the demand for rental properties in the Randwick Council area; 3. international tourists are similarly unable to travel to Australia, negatively impacting the demand for accommodation in the area and the demand for services, affecting the incomes of accommodation providers and other businesses; 4. when residential or business leases expire, there is less demand for the spaces and long lead times to fill vacancies, impacting on owners' incomes; 5. when residential or business leases expire, the lower demand means places attract lower rents, affecting owners' ability to absorb extra costs; 6. many owners are already behind financially as they have given rebates or discounts to tenants in response to the pandemic; 7. old blocks of units and flats in the area have not been fitted for these new technologies and the costs to implement changes may be substantial in terms of changes to plumbing and electrical wiring, for example; 8. the future employment outlook is uncertain, in terms both of job prospects and income prospects; and 9. any extra costs required or incurred by owners will have to be passed on to tenants. <p>While Randwick Council's ideals are worthwhile, the proposal cannot be properly evaluated without reliable costings and a funding proposal. In any event, the current pandemic and associated recession mean that projects will have to be undertaken on a voluntary opt-in basis rather than by regulation.</p>

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65	<p>The draft environmental strategy doesn't address the gross overcrowding and overdevelopment in certain areas ie Kensington and Kingsford. How is putting massive development along Anzac pde doing anything except increasing urban heat Island and wind tunnel? It's destroying the environment. Also public transport and traffic is a joke so I'm almost completely reliant on my car even for short trips. I'm spending longer in my car because the traffic is so bad, so increased pollution. This survey seems to be just greenwashing.</p>
66	<p>Points 2.2-2.9 worry me – words like “mandate’ make me think of the Victorian Government – bullying combined with incompetence</p> <p>This is an article from the Nature stable looking at the potential downside of renewables – authors from Queensland, Canada and USA</p> <p>It is also of concern to me that the people who push renewables strongly often have investments in them</p> <p>If even Mike Moore has doubts (Planet of the Humans) about renewables the council needs to be careful that what would seem to be a good thing actually makes it all worse – something that runs on a repeating roll in human history</p>
67	<p>I read with interest your Draft Environment Strategy. I have just a few comments on the Climate Change objective:</p> <p>1) It would be good to place the 60% emission reductions by 2030 in the context of what would be needed worldwide to meet the Paris Agreement 2degC global warming limit. Further reductions beyond 2030 will be needed to meet this target and I wonder if it should be made clearer that the 60% by 2030 reduction is a good first step towards carbon neutrality later in the century.</p> <p>2) The strategy notes that future planning will need to consider impacts ON climate change. This is great!... but I wonder if future planning also needs to consider the impacts OF climate change, though perhaps that belongs in strategies describing risk assessments for infrastructure, health, etc.?</p> <p>More generally, I wonder if the document would benefit from a box and/or bullet points summarising the advantages of all of the objectives for health and wellbeing of Randwick's residents.</p>

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68	<p>Dear Mr Said,</p> <p>Thank you for sending out this draft Environmental Plan: the initiatives listed there sound very positive! However, the 'headline' targets listed above need some revision, I feel: e.g. the first, 'Using 100% renewable energy by 2020'. This seems very ambitious, not to say 'courageous', and seems, in fact, to be contradicted by the info in the 'Environment Strategy' itself! And the second, 'Using recycled material in our roads': in the longer document, we read 'Research the use of asphalt products containing recycled materials (e.g. glass) by undertaking trials on high, medium and low traffic road pavements located in Randwick and Maroubra by 2023', a wonderful initiative. So maybe the 'Using' needs to be "toned down" until the research proves that these recycled materials are indeed effective?</p> <p>In short, maybe the 'targets' listed in the headline area of the Council's email - which are all that most people will read, I imagine - need to be reviewed to better reflect the realities spelt out in the document itself.</p>
69	<p>One enquiry I have is; why are there not more solar panels on RCC buildings and solar powered streetlights such as the ones around the Randwick enviro park at Sth Coogee ?</p>
70	<p>May I congratulate Randwick Council for its far-sighted Strategy. This has obviously been a lot of work, and more importantly has entailed a lot of collaboration bet the different sectors of Council. Were there to be no further enhancements of this Strategy, it would be a great boon to our City. Even so, I hope some of the suggestions offered below will be of some help. I shall start with a particular Strategy, then provide a suggestion on how to make it even better.</p> <p>1.1 Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by maintaining 14,000m2 of appropriate ground covers, shrubs and trees between Botany Bay National Park, the Bunnerong Road Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2025.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>It may also be feasible to develop the urban forests between these sites to enhance connectivity as well. This might be possible using two interconnected strategies: plantings along the nature stripes and other land owned by Council; and encouraging residents to put significant plants onto their properties.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1.2 Review our partnership with NSW Department of Lands, to identify unmanaged parcels of Crown Lands with high biodiversity potential, and seek divestment of these lands to Council for inclusion with our bush regeneration program and coastal management by 2021.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Some private lands also have biodiversity potential, which could add to the biodiversity of the LGA. Perhaps UNSW students of Landscape Architecture could help with a survey?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1.6 Review the feasibility of upgrading the glasshouse facility at Council's Community Nursery by 2021, towards expanding its production potential.</p> <p>-----</p>

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<p>Council might also review the feasibility of the nursery selling La Trobe University nesting boxes https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/nesting-boxes If nesting boxes could be provided for animals that help with pollination, predation of zoonotic carriers and with fostering endemic Australian animals, this could enhance the connectivity of the local ecosystems.</p>
<p>2.4 Implement an accelerated street lighting replacement program by replacing existing legacy street lights with 4,000 LED lights by 2022 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use across street lights by 30% per annum.</p>
<p>Electrical energy could also be saved by ensuring street lights don't turn on during the day.</p>
<p>4.1 Increase the percentage of gross pollutants captured from the stormwater system by expanding the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) network by 2027 by installing one new GPT each year, on major drainage lines currently without existing controls, located in the east and south of Randwick City.</p>
<p>Other techniques could be: * to encourage residents to install rainwater tanks, since these are demonstrably effective in reducing runoff during storms; and * to allow developments to have stormwater retention tanks which encourage infiltration into the soil, particularly in the sandy areas of Randwick City. (I have installed one at our place, and I'd be happy to help provide specifications, of that were desirable.)</p>
<p>4.5 Introduce monitoring and management programs to reduce microplastic pollution in our coastal waterways by 2025.</p>
<p>Consider installing dolphin plaques at drainage inlets to remind people that the discharges from gutters flow into our ocean.</p>

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71	<p>Apologies for the multiple submissions. After-re-reading my submission in the confirmation email I felt the need to expand on the missed opportunities and inadequacies.</p> <p>re:overall Many of the targets are not SMART. Some targets, such as 20% by 2025, are great, but not enough targets have measurable outcomes which can lead to inadequate assessment impact. Similarly, The production of a document outlining all the baseline data should be made available to allow residents to judge whether the targets have been met for all actions.</p> <p>Re Outcome 1 and outcome 4, There are no actions that call for more engagement with our indigenous people. Abotribal management practices, led by our first Nations residents or other indigenous knowledge holders, should be integrated into our conservation plans..</p> <p>Further re: Outcome 1 Mapping vegetation is the tiny first step to conservation. 10% per year is a very small target. I agree that we should be mapping our vegetation but feel that the whole council area could be mapped in a couple of years. A better target would be Map all vegetation in the Randwick council by 2022.Then a conservation target may be - Identify areas of high conservation value for inclusion in conservation zones in the LEP by 2025.</p> <p>Re Outcome 3 and 4, There's a missed opportunity for Council cleanup services to separate and recycle curbside collections. Many of the items I see put out for collection are still in usable condition. Similar to the repair cafe program, can the council depot house a second-hand appliances shop, or partner with existing businesses (e.g. the second-hand white goods store on 179-181 Anzac Parade) . Could recycling centres organise recyclables specific pickups? or set a target for use of the recycling pickup app and improve engagement, or perhaps a regular recyclables clean up? (I have tried the app but it was confusing so I never ordered a recycling pickup from it) There is no target to change councils curbside collection methods and to prevent landfill from this source. Please propose a target for this.</p> <p>There is not enough notice to residents regarding tree works. No more mature trees should ever be lost in Randwick City; we have lost so many due to the Light Rail. A SMART target for mapping trees and retaining them is needed in the strategy</p> <p>Please also take the above into consideration when finalising the Council's Environment Strategy.</p>

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3.4. Facebook



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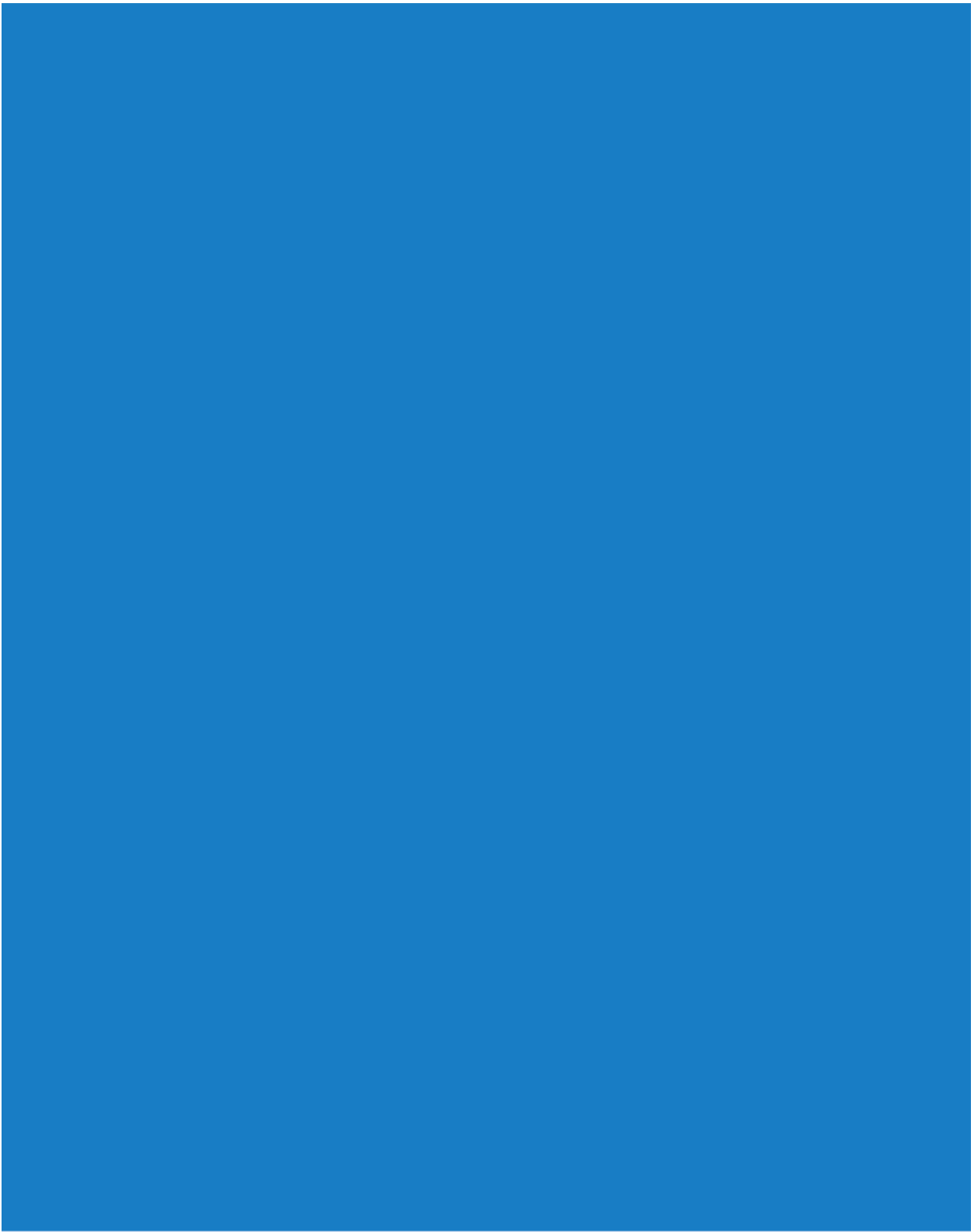
Attachment 3 - Community Consultation draft Environment Strategy

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4. Next Steps

The results of the community consultation and proposed updates to the Environment Strategy will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

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Director City Planning Report No. CP53/20

Subject: Australia Day and The Spot Festival 2021

Executive Summary

- COVID-19 has had a dramatic effect on community events and the way events are conducted. This has unfortunately impacted a number of signature Council events that would have been held in 2020.
- The Public Health Order outlines that from 23 November controlled events that are fenced or ticketed can accommodate up to 3000 people if the audience is seated with 1 person per 2 square metres assigned seats, or 1 person per 4 square metres in an allocated seating area (e.g. where the grass is marked or on picnic rugs).
- Planning has commenced for two signature council events in 2021 being Australia Day and The Spot Festival, to establish how these events can be held within the current restrictions taking into consideration the Public Health Order, wellbeing of the community and providing our community with opportunities for celebration.
- It is noted that whilst the Public Health Order may change in the New Year with restrictions easing, planning for major events needs to occur now under the current health order.
- It is proposed that the Citizenship and Community Service Awards event be held as usual at PHC but with limited numbers as this can be managed safely under a COVID Safe Plan and that a community event be held in and around Kensington Oval.
- It would not be feasible to hold The Spot Festival in its existing format under the current Public Health Order.

Recommendation

That:

- a) The 2021 Australia Day event comprises:
 1. Community Service Awards and Citizenship ceremony at the Prince Henry Centre with reduced numbers (30 new citizens) and the award recipients, from 9.30am – 11am.
 2. Community Celebration on Australia Day at Kensington Oval from 11.00am – 3.00pm with food trucks and live music, with a capacity of up to 400 people to operate under a COVID Safe Plan and that Council apply for a \$20,000.00 grant from the Australia Day Council to put towards this event.
- b) The Spot Festival 2021 is postponed from March to September 2021 and that the funding be allocated to support town centre activations and placemaking initiatives under the current year's budget.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

To update Councillors on the plan for two signature events scheduled to be held in 2021.

Discussion

Under the current Health Order major events are limited in capacity. Council Officers are planning for events held in the first quarter of 2021 and on the basis of what the events looked like in 2019 using this to plan for how they can be managed in 2021.

AUSTRALIA DAY

At its meeting held on 26 November 2019 Council resolved;

“(Parker/Luxford) that:

- a) the 2020 Australia Day Community Awards and Citizenship ceremony be held at the Prince Henry Centre on Australia Day from 9.30am onwards;
- b) the 2020 Australia Day Community celebration be held at Maroubra Beach on Australia Day in partnership with Surfing NSW from 10am – 12.30pm with the rides operating until 1pm; and
- c) the awards & citizenship ceremonies continue to be held each year at the Prince Henry Centre on Australia Day.”

On 25 November members of the Australia Day Committee was briefed on the proposed plans for the 2021 Australia Day events.

It is proposed that the Citizenship and Community Service Awards event be held as usual at PHC but with limited numbers as this can be managed safely under a COVID Safe Plan.

Instead of holding the community celebration at a beachside location it is recommended that a community celebration be held in and around Kensington Oval which can be fenced and managed under a COVID safety plan to allow entry and exit points to register on arrival. The outline of the event would include live music, food trucks, fresh produce market stall, free ice-cream and plant giveaway, and would run from 11am – 3pm. Chairs and tables would be provided but areas will also be marked out for picnic spots. Local Police have been consulted on this proposal and have not raised any issues with this.

This proposal also aligns with the previous desire of the Australia Day Committee to rotate Council's Australia Day events to different open spaces across the city.

The Australia Day Council are offering grants to local government to run Covid Safe Australia Day events and we are recommending that Council apply for this \$20 000.00 grant to go towards costs.

THE SPOT FESTIVAL

The Spot Festival is in its 14th year and is well known by the local and eastern suburbs community. It is much anticipated by residents as well as local businesses and stallholders and is well attended but has limitations on footprint.

Based on the way this event has grown in previous years and considering the site and spacing requirements The Spot Festival could not be held in its existing format under the current Public Health Order. If Council were to fence and ticket the event site it could potentially be managed however the dynamic of the event would be quite different, issues with people accessing the businesses at The Spot and not attending the event would be encountered and there would be a higher cost with less attendance.

Another way of holding this event would be to host a virtual, online event however the spirit of the festival cannot be captured so well virtually as it can be in person. Based on this it is

recommended to postpone The Spot Festival until later in 2021 when an assessment on spacing requirements can be reviewed for major events.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	2. A vibrant and diverse community.
Direction	2d. Our cultural diversity is appreciated and respected.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The two events are funded through an existing budget allocation in the 2020-21 budget. A grant for \$20,000.00 is available for the Australia Day event.

The Spot Festival funding would be allocated to support town centre activations and placemaking initiatives under the current year's budget.

Conclusion

Community events have been impacted by COVID and Council has not been able to hold its usual signature celebrations. With health orders easing some events are able to be managed under guidelines within some parameters. Planning for two of Council's major events, Australia Day and The Spot Festival, needs to commence now in order to meet planning schedules. Given this the current health orders need to be applied to the planning of these events.

The Australia Day Citizenship and Community Services Awards are able to be held as normal at the Prince Henry Centre with limited new citizens to meet the Covid Safe capacity of the venue. A community celebration at Kensington Oval will allow Council to manage numbers and record details of people attending the event. This might also provide some relief from the beach and beachside areas and assist with crowding in those locations; and provides a format for the Australia Day celebrations to rotate venues across the city. A food truck and live music pop up event will be planned as a community activity to commemorate Australia Day 2021. This plan would meet current Covid guidelines in terms of space and numbers of people at outdoor events.

Council is not able to manage the delivery of The Spot Festival under the current health order regulations and a virtual event will not be the same. Rather than cancel the event it is proposed to postpone the Spot Festival, due to be held in March 2021 until September 2021 when there may be more opportunity for large scale events to be managed. This will be reviewed in March pending new health order regulations and an update will be provided to Councillors as the health order is updated.

Responsible officer: Katie Anderson, Manager Cultural Events and Venues

File Reference: F2021/00433

Director City Planning Report No. CP54/20

**Subject: Status report - Coogee Bay Road Shared Village project
December 2020**

Executive Summary

- On Tuesday 10 November Dr Marjorie O'Neil MP, Member for Coogee and the Mayor officially opened the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project to the community and local Coogee Bay Road businesses.
- All the of the stated *Streets as Shared Spaces* grant objectives have been met through the design and the operation of the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project.
- Many positive comments have been received from the community and the local businesses on the increased local amenity and the increasingly relaxed atmosphere on the street.
- Eighty eight percent (88%) of businesses within the activation area positively support the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project with four businesses reporting a reduction in turnover due to customer reported delays in finding parking.
- There has been some feedback (12 people) in relation to bus diversions, additional traffic in Carr Street and one resident has raised an issue with the festoon lighting.
- Business and community sentiment will continue to be monitored across the duration of the project.
- As Council will be in recess from December until February, a further review of the project will not be able to be reported to Council within the 3 month timeframe of the project. Should Council wish to consider extending the project beyond the 3 months, it is suggested that delegations and a formal decision making process be established.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council delegates to the Mayor and one Councillor from each political party and independent group the authority to decide on whether to extend the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project beyond the 3 month timeframe; and
- b) The East Ward Councillors be consulted prior to a decision being made on extending the project.

Attachment/s:

1.   CBR Shared Village Activation Before & After Photos

Purpose

At its meeting on 29 September Council resolved;

(Andrews/Roberts) that Council:

- a) endorses the Coogee Bay Road Shared Village project for a three month trial beginning in early November, allowing the traffic flow to become one-way and utilising one lane of traffic as additional space for the purposes of social distancing and supporting local businesses with additional outdoor dining areas;
- b) notes the requirement to invite the Minister for DPIE to attend the launch of the opening and placement of logo as acknowledgement as per the grant funding guidelines; and
- c) call for a status report on this matter to be tabled at the December Council meeting, after the commencement of the trial, to update Council on the progress of the trial.

The purpose of this report is to provide a status report in accordance with the above resolution.

Discussion

Coogee residents and Coogee Bay Road businesses were notified of the commencement dates of the trial *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project, the associated changing traffic conditions and the bus stop changes.

A pedestrian count was undertaken and comprehensive demographic statistics were collected within the proposed activation area prior to the project installation. The data collection exercise will be repeated during and towards the end of the activation in order to measure changes in public usage and provide analysis.

On the evening of the 28 October after 9pm there was a temporary overnight road closure on Coogee Bay Road to enable traffic marking changes. On the morning of 29 October, Coogee Bay Road was re-opened with one-way traffic flow in a westerly direction between Arden Street and Brook Street. The switch over went smoothly without incident with the changed traffic conditions to remain in place for three months.

Installation of the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* activation infrastructure commenced on Monday 2 November through to Monday 9 November. Work took place mostly in the evenings to minimise disruption while at all times ensuring the safety of the public and maintaining business continuity. Parking was available at all times during the installation of the project.

On Tuesday 10 November Cr Danny Said, Mayor of Randwick and Dr Marjorie O'Neil MP, Member for Coogee, officially opened the Coogee Bay Road *Streets as Shared Spaces* project to the community and local businesses. As per the funding agreement, The Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces was invited to officiate but was unfortunately unavailable due to prior commitments.

All the of the stated *Streets as Shared Spaces* grant objectives have been met through the design and the operation of the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project. The local beach culture has been enhanced and the public space has been made more attractive through the innovative and creative use of natural grass parklets and plantings. By removing one traffic lane the pedestrian space along Coogee Bay Road has been increased to facilitate safe walking and social distancing without compromising on amenity or any loss of local parking. The pedestrian access to the key destinations of Coogee Beach and Goldstein Reserve has been improved and the reconfigured street supports physical health, local businesses and key workers in a COVID Safe environment.

The Coogee Bay Road Shared Village Activation has released 415 sqm of new, attractive and welcoming grassed public recreational space to facilitate easy pedestrian access and social distancing. These spaces have fixed stone and bench seating as well as chairs.

Local economic activity and local business is supported through the provision of an additional 118 sqm for outdoor dining. The new COVID Safe dining spaces have been furnished with a total of 33 casual dining tables and 99 colourful casual dining chairs, theoretically allowing for the servicing

of an additional 750 customers at an average 40 minute stay over a five hour period. The outdoor dining spaces have been allocated to the local businesses for exclusive usage at no cost.

Economic activity during the evenings has been encouraged by additional creative lighting including the installation of 100 metres of LED fairy lights. A pop up music program has been established in the activation area for the duration of the project where musicians and music artists (75% local) will perform six hours of live music in the early evenings every weekend.

On Tuesday 24 November, two weeks after the commencement of the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project, Economic Development visited businesses within the activation area to collect their feedback on the activation so far and to discuss any business concerns. Of the 41 businesses consulted, 37 fully supported the project with many positive comments on the increased local amenity and the relaxed atmosphere on the street. Four businesses reported a reduction in turnover due to concerns regarding the traffic delays customers have reported experiencing when looking for parking. On this point it must be noted that the unexpected road works on the corner of Brook Street and Dolphin Street may have exacerbated this issue.

There has been some feedback (12 people) in relation to bus diversions, additional traffic in Carr Street and one resident has raised an issue with the festoon lighting. There have not been any specific issues raised by the Coogee Precinct, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance or Fire Rescue NSW. It was identified that the STA did not clearly sign mark the closure of the Brook St bus stop, but this was subsequently rectified.

As Council will be in recess from December until February, a further review of the project will not be able to be reported to Council within the 3 month timeframe of the project. Should Council wish to consider extending the project beyond the 3 months, it is suggested that delegations and a formal decision making process be established.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	8. A strong local economy.
Direction	8a. Vibrant business, commercial and industrial sectors that provide ongoing and diverse employment opportunities and serve the community.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The project cost has amounted to \$168K which includes the grant of \$100K.

Conclusion

Since the opening of the *Coogee Bay Road Shared Village* project on 10 November 2020 the activation has been enthusiastically received so far by the community and 88% of the local businesses. Business and community sentiment will continue to be monitored across the duration of the project, scheduled to be removed on 2 February 2021.

Responsible officer: Katie Anderson, Manager Cultural Events and Venues

File Reference: F2020/00555

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COOGEE BAY ROAD SHARED VILLAGE Before and After Photos



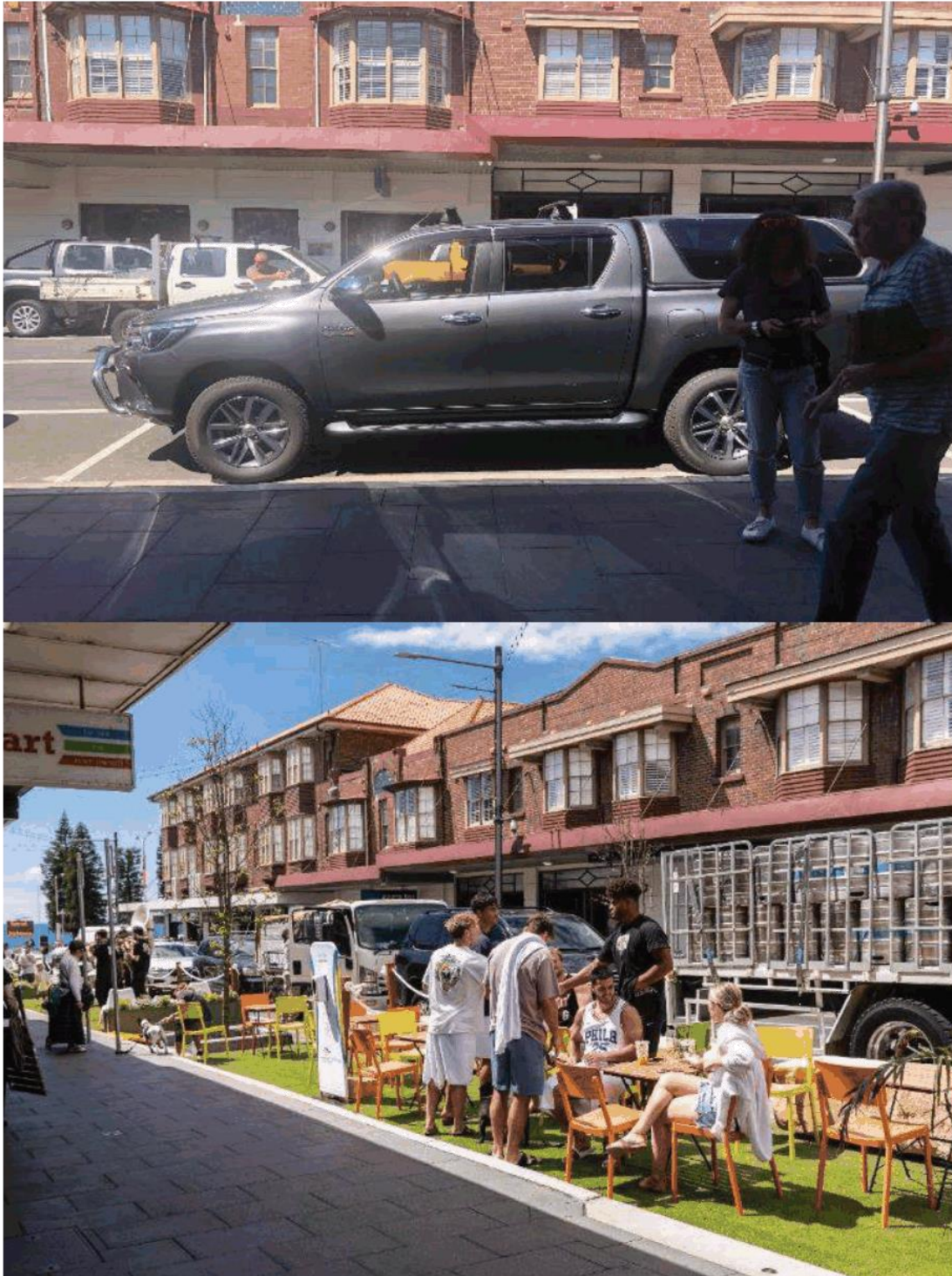
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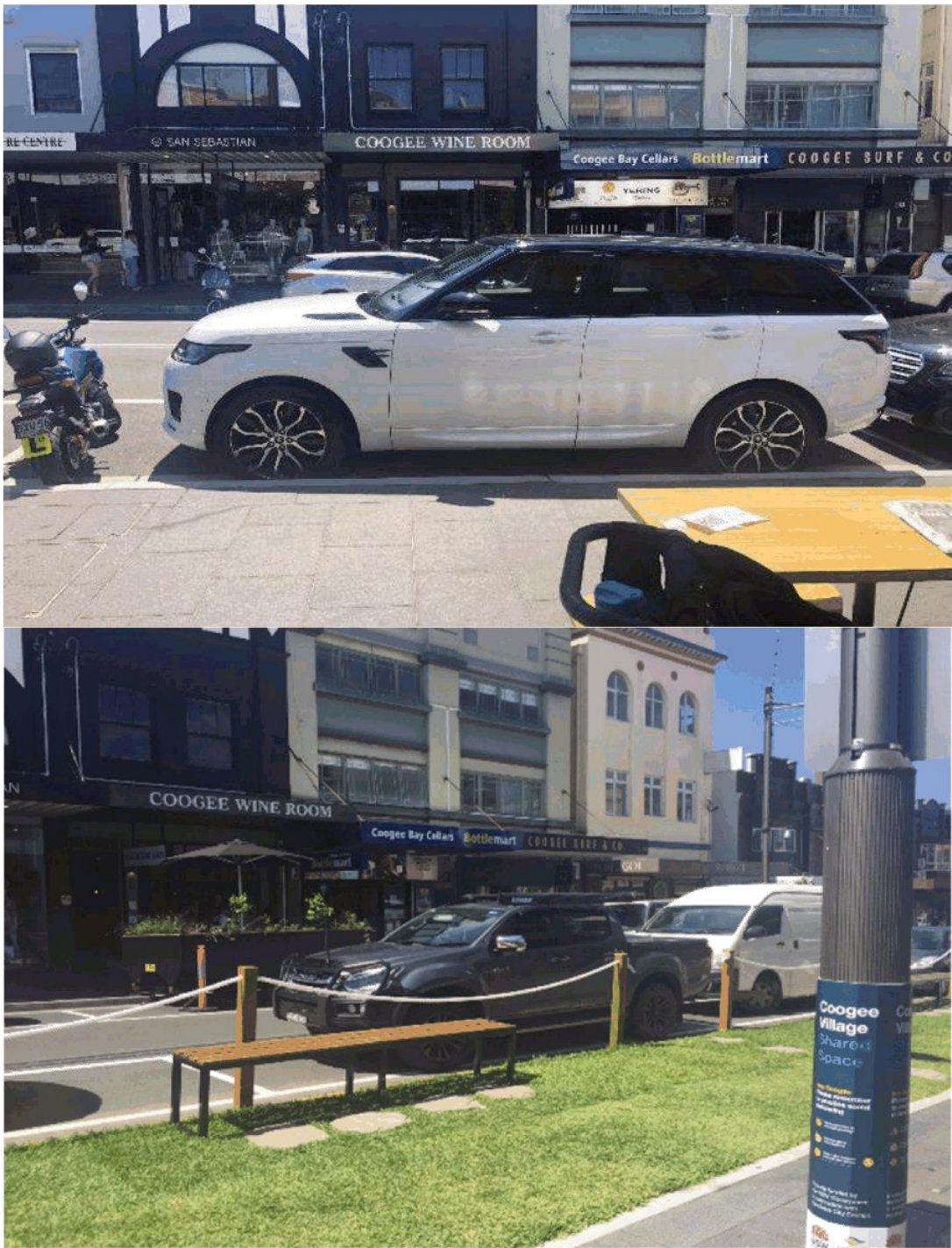
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Director City Planning Report No. CP55/20

**Subject: Variation to Development Standard - Clause 4.6 - 5 to 23
November 2020**

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 SEPP 1 objections and Clause 4.6 exceptions. This report provides Council with the development applications determined where there had been a variation in standards under Clause 4.6.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.   SEPP 1 and CI 4.6 Register - 5 to 23 November 2020

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; and
- 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 5 and 23 November 2020.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	4. Excellence in urban design and development.
Direction	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 05 NOVEMBER TO 23 NOVEMBER 2020

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/245/2020	17	1	10	Palmer St	SOUTH COOGEE	2034	3: Residential - New second occupancy	RLEP 2012	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.5:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	FSR increased to 0.542 or 8.56%	NSW Dept of Planning	20-NOV-20	DEL
DA/402/2020	1	522522	21	Cook Street	RANDWICK	2031	5: Residential - New multi unit 20+ dwellings	RLEP 2012	R3 - Medium Density	Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.9:1 Clause 4.3 - Building height of 12m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	FSR decreased to 1.03:1 or 15% ; Existing = 1.24:1 Building height is 12.72m or 6%	NSW Dept of Planning	12-Nov-20	RLPP
DA/88/2020	B	307923	78	Bream St	COOGEE	2034	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	RLEP 2012	R3 - Medium Density	Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.9:1 Clause 4.3 - Building height of 12m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	FSR increased to 1.68:1 or 86.7% ; Existing = 1.581:1 Building height is 17.195 (reduction) or up 52.2%; Existing = 18.265m	NSW Dept of Planning	12-Nov-20	RLPP
DA/483/2019	A	34447	148	Barker st	RANDWICK	2031	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	RLEP 2012	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.5:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	FSR remains the same as existing (i.e. 0.79:1 or 58%)	NSW Dept of Planning	12-Nov-20	RLPP

Director City Planning Report No. CP56/20

Subject: Grant opportunity - High Street program

Executive Summary

- Following on from the successful *Streets as Shared Spaces* grant program, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have released another round of grant funding. The *Your High Street* grant program is available for local councils to apply for funding to make permanent changes that improve the amenity of a high street located within an identified strategic centre in their local area.
- The funding for projects is up to \$1 million however the timeframe to lodge submissions is tight with funding applications due 29 January 2021. The successful projects will be announced in April 2021 with the funded project to be delivered in one year by May 2022.
- Councils are invited to submit one application for a single high street project that enhances and improves amenity and high street functionality to support local business trading.
- Community/stakeholder support is required as part of the funding application so community consultation will need to be undertaken prior to the submission closing date of January 29. Council will be in recess from December until February so delegations and a formal decision making process need to be established.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council resolves to apply for grant funding up to \$1 million through the DPIE *My High Street* Grant Program.
- b) Council delegates to the Mayor and one Councillor from each political party and independent group the authority to decide on the town centre to be nominated for grant funding given the timing for decisions will be when Council is in recess.
- c) The ward Councillors be consulted prior to a decision being made on the town centre to be nominated for grant funding.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CP56/20

Purpose

To put forward for Council's consideration the option of lodging a Randwick application for grant funding for a local high street improvement project through the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) *Your High Street* Grant Program. If Council resolves to lodge an application for DPIE grant funding, the most appropriate location and achievable high street project to be delivered within the stated grant timeframes needs to be determined. The closing date for funding applications is 29 January 2021. The successful projects will be announced in April 2021 with the funded project to be delivered within twelve months by May 2022.

Discussion

The DPIE *Your High Street* Grant Program was opened in November 2020 with the aim to enhance the amenity and functionality of high streets throughout NSW to support local business recovery, boost economic stimulus in response to the pandemic, improve the comfort and experience for the community, and enable permanent improvement projects. Grants of up to \$1 million are available for councils to deliver improvements for a high street by May 2022. The program also supports the delivery of the Premier's Priority to increase the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes' walk of quality green, open and public space.

The objectives of the *Your High Street* Grant Program are to:

- Improve/increase number of uses of high streets over day and night
- Increase footfall and capacity for trade for businesses
- Improve local accessibility and connections
- Improve safety and comfort for people.

To be eligible to apply for funding through the DPIE *Your High Street* Grant Program, nominated projects must:

- Have strategic alignment to a NSW Government strategy or government commitment, specifically the Premiers Priorities of Greener Public Spaces and Greening Our City as well as the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Plan, District Plan, Draft Public Spaces Charter and the 24 Hour Economy Strategy.
- Be located in a high street within a strategic neighborhood center defined by DPIE as an area of important economic activity and employment for an LGA that supports a combination and agglomeration of local businesses that meet community and local business needs. The selected project location must be identified in council's strategic plans and can include strategic centres identified in District Plans and Regional Plans. The project can also be located in any other important economic activity and employment centre within the LGA that is identified in Council economic development plans, community plans etc.
- Have partnership with local businesses and community groups, and general community and stakeholder support.

The project must be specifically related to the high street identified in application and have positive economic impacts for local business and the community including:

- Improve/increase number of uses over day and night period
- Improve people's safety and comfort
- Improve local accessibility and connections
- Improve business capacity for increased functionality.

To provide evidence of general community and stakeholder support, community consultation on the nominated project must be undertaken prior to the submission of a funding application before the grant closing date on 29 January 2021. Council will be in recess from December until February so delegations and a formal decision making process need to be established.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	8. A strong local economy.
Direction	8a. Vibrant business, commercial and industrial sectors that provide ongoing and diverse employment opportunities and serve the community.

Resourcing Strategy implications

If successful Council could be provided with funding of up to \$1 million towards a local High Street improvement project.

Conclusion

There is an opportunity for Council to apply for NSW government funding for up to \$1 million towards a local high street improvement project through the recently opened DPIE *Your High Street* Grant Program. Mandatory eligibility criteria includes community and stakeholder support necessitating community consultation to be undertaken prior to the grant submission closing date on 29 January 2021. Should Council resolve to submit an application for funding Council will be in recess from December until February so delegations and a formal decision making process need to be established.

Responsible officer: Katie Anderson, Manager Cultural Events and Venues

File Reference: F2020/00429

Director City Services Report No. CS58/20

Subject: Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall - Results of Community Consultation

CS58/20

Executive Summary

- Funding has been allocated for the demolition and replacement of The Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall in the 2020-21 Capital Works Budget.
- Recent Community Consultation for the project sought feedback on a range of issues, including the preferred usage model for the new building. The strongest support was shown for a hall for hire model as per current operation (77% very supportive/supportive).
- A clear majority of respondents felt it was important / very important that Council upgrade this community asset, with 89% showing support for the project.
- In November 2020 Council was appointed Crown Land Manager of the Reserve. As a result, Ministers Consent prior to obtaining a Development Application is now required.
- It is expected that the design and planning of the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall will be finalised in early 2021-22. The timing implications of this approval and impact on the DA planning pathway results in construction now commencing in late 2021.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the proposal for the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall to be redeveloped as a hall-for-hire for the local community; and
- b) Note the revised project program for construction to commence in late 2021 as a result the required planning pathway.

Attachment/s:

1.  Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall - Community Consultation Report

Purpose

This report outlines the community consultation activities undertaken to inform the replacement of the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall. It reports on the findings, and makes recommendations concerning the future operational model and desirable features for the hall.

Discussion

Randwick Council has allocated \$4,700,000 in Council's Budget for 2020-21 to build a new hall at the site of the Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall on Knowles Avenue, Matraville. The existing building dates from around the 1960s, is in poor condition and is not serving the community well. It will be demolished, and a new building constructed on the same site.

1. Community consultation

Community consultation was held from Wednesday 23 September to Tuesday 13 October 2020, to obtain feedback and insights from the community about the use and aspirations for the hall and the adjacent open space.

Consultation activities included an online survey and ideas board. The consultation was promoted via letter box drop, emails, posters, and social media. A full list of activities may be found in Attachment 1 - Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall - Community Consultation Report.

The consultation resulted in:

- 1179 visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 109 surveys completed
- 14 ideas shared
- 3 submissions sent directly to Council.

a. Support for hall renewal

Most people rated the current appearance of the hall as poor or very poor (58%), and 89% felt it was important or very important that Council upgrade this community asset. When asked to rate existing conditions, 'landscaping' and 'heating and cooling' of the premises rated the most poorly. The size of the existing hall rated most favorably suggesting that the future hall be designed to a similar capacity but with a much higher degree of thermal performance.

b. Preferred operational model

The existing Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall currently operates as a community hall for hire. Regular hire of the hall includes taekwondo classes, children's indoor soccer and children's dance classes.

Respondents were asked for their level of support for each of three different options for managing of the hall in future. In order of support the results were:

1. Hall for hire (e.g. by community groups, dance classes, private parties)
77% of all respondents were very supportive/supportive
2. Onsite manager with activities programmed by Council
48% of all respondents were very supportive/supportive
3. Leased to one group (e.g. provider running youth programs)
35% of all respondents were very supportive/supportive

The community consultation results displayed strong community support to continue to operate the future hall as a hall for hire. Support for this model rose to 81% for respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall.

c. Submission from Matraville Sports High School students

Council received a submission regarding feedback gathered by Year 8 and Year 9 Matraville Sports High School students from their school community about the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall project.

As part of youth mentoring charity *Raise Foundation* activities within the school, students created a digital survey to send to all parents and staff, created a suggestions box, and designed posters to raise awareness of the project. It was reported that within a one-week period the group received 71 suggestions, which were then collated into a summary document submitted to Council – refer to Attachment 1 - Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall - Community Consultation Report.

The survey found strong support for youth programs, art and cultural activities and a community kitchen at the hall. Popular outdoor activities included a basketball hoop, community gardens, mini-soccer field, and landscaping.

d. Boxing at the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall

At the Ordinary Meeting 25 August 2020, Report CS37/20 NFP Boxing Gym for Randwick City Council Youth concerned an approach by a local provider to consider the use of a Council facility for a boxing facility to support young local people in the area. The resolution from this meeting was:

(Andrews/Luxford) that Council:

- a) *receive and note this report; and*
- b) *consider the utilization of the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall for the purposes of use as a boxing facility following community consultation in regard to its future use.*

In accordance with this resolution, community consultation sought respondent views on boxing at the site, as the equipment set-up required for a boxing gym would likely restrict other activities in the same space. Most respondents (77%) were unsupportive/not at all supportive, with only 12% being supportive/very supportive of this proposed use.

e. Future upgrade to the adjacent pocket park

The survey included some questions regarding the use of the pocket park next to the hall, prefaced by the following: *'While we do not have plans or funding currently for this space, we want to know what you think about this space and whether it should be improved.'*

Knowing more about community attitudes about the green space adjacent to the hall will help inform the building design and landscaping, and any possible future upgrades. The land immediately adjacent to the site is Ausgrid land, while the land on the corner of Knowles and Flanders Ave is Crown Land.

Strong support for a future upgrade to the pocket park is noted, with 70% percent of respondents of the opinion that the pocket park was currently never used or used rarely. Suggested improvements such as a small playground, improved facilities (e.g. seating and bubblers), and better footpaths were all largely supported. A strong 88% of respondents were supportive of more landscaping.

The open space at the corner of Knowles Ave and Flanders Ave is classified as a Pocket Park, and subject to the Pocket Park Plan of Management. Pocket Parks typically serve the needs of people within close proximity to the park and are generally characterized as passive informal spaces, with structured recreation activities prohibited.



Aerial view showing site of the Matraville Youth and Cultural hall shaded, with the small Ausgrid land parcel adjacent, and the Pocket Park on the corner of Knowles and Flanders Avenues.

f. Emerging themes

The free text sections of the survey, along with the virtual Ideas Board allowed respondents to expand on their opinions about the upgrade of the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall facility. Some of the emerging themes are grouped below, with initial responses.

The full submissions may be found verbatim in [Attachment 1](#).

Theme	Response comments
Hall – general design features	
Upgraded facilities, including toilets and kitchen.	The new design will include amenities and kitchen that meet current standards and codes.
Sustainability features such as improved thermal performance, ventilation, LED lights, timed lighting, and solar panels.	The new building will be built to a high standard of energy efficiency, and appropriate sustainability features will be investigated for inclusion.
A bigger hall	The size of the hall will be determined by site and budget constraints.
Noise generation and acoustics	The acoustic performance of the hall will be considered in the design. Control of noise to surrounding residential properties will also need to be considered.
Connection to external spaces	Improved connection to the external spaces will be a key design consideration for the new building.
Traffic and parking	A Parking and Traffic assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning process.
Flexible use	The hall design will be designed for flexibility and with robust finishes catering for a variety of future uses.
Hall – activities and usage	
Single use activities such as boxing, gym, day care centre	Single use activities require permanent setup and preclude use of the same space for other purposes. The majority of respondents favored a hall for hire.
Activities such as yoga, dance, playgroups, creative/arts activities, community groups.	A multi-purpose hall for hire could accommodate all these activities.
Youth mental health provider or local youth hub	Community consultation did not favor the use of the facility by a single provider; however, providers could hire the space for regular youth program activities in a hall for hire model.
Open space – ideas for future design features and activities	
(Assessed against the Pocket Park Plan of Management guidelines)	
Landscaping, native planting, trees, and shaded areas	Appropriate for a pocket park in a residential setting and could be considered in any future upgrades. Upgrades are not planned as part of the current project; however, an overall site masterplan will be developed to guide future upgrades.
Bubblers and seating	Appropriate for a pocket park in a residential setting and could be considered in any future upgrades. Upgrades are

Theme	Response comments
	not planned as part of the current project; however, an overall site masterplan will be developed to guide future upgrades.
Sports facilities such as basketball, skatepark and outdoor soccer	Not permitted under the Pocket Park Plan of Management due to the residential setting. Nearby parks such as Heffron Park and Chifley Reserve offer these facilities.
Dog park	Not permitted under the Pocket Park Plan of Management.
Playground	Community consultation demonstrated there was a strong support for a playground in the Pocket Park in any future upgrade. This is permitted under the Plan of Management and could be considered in future. Upgrades are not planned as part of the current project; however, an overall site masterplan will be developed to guide future upgrades.
Exercise equipment	Small scale exercise equipment for local use may be considered in future, after further investigation.
Community garden	There are currently three community gardens in Randwick City. A community garden would be allowable under the Pocket Park Plan of Management and could be considered in any future upgrade. Upgrades are not planned as part of the current project; however, an overall site masterplan will be developed to guide future upgrades.
Community events	Small scale community events, perhaps in conjunction with the use of the hall may be considered if appropriate to its residential setting. These would be subject to a case-by-case consideration.

4. Land Status

The land on which the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall sits is owned by the State of New South Wales and was reserved for Public Recreation on 20 May 1977. Council was recently appointed Crown Land Manager of the Reserve on 6 November 2020 (Reserve 90782).

Under the requirements of the recent Crown Land Management Act 2016 (Section 2.23), the Minister's consent on behalf of the Crown (as the owner of the reserved Crown land) to lodgement of a development application in respect of that land is required where the footprint or height of the building deviates from existing, or when excavation is involved. In light of these limitations, Minister's consent to lodge the development application will be required for the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall. This step may impact the program delivery timeframe.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	2. A vibrant and diverse community.
Direction	2c. New and upgraded community facilities that are multipurpose and in accessible locations.
Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	4. Excellence in urban design and development.
Direction	4b. New and existing development is managed by a robust framework.

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	6. A liveable city.
Direction	6a. Our public infrastructure and assets are planned, managed and funded to meet the community expectations and defined levels of service.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The project has been allocated funding in Council's 2020-21 budget. There are no further resourcing implications with a replacement hall for hire building model.

As noted within the report, in November 2020 Council was appointed Crown Land Manager of the Reserve. As a result, Ministers Consent prior to obtaining a Development Application is required. It is expected that the design and planning of the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall will be finalized in early 2021/22. The timing implications of this approval and impact on the DA planning pathway results in construction now commencing in late 2021.

In the next quarterly budget review \$4,200,000 will be transferred into Infrastructure Reserves for the future delivery of the project and our 2020/21 Operational Plan will be updated to reflect completion of Planning and Design Phase only.

Policy and legislative requirements

Due regard needs to be given to the relevant planning instruments in the design of the new facility.

Conclusion

The existing Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall does not currently serve the community well due to its outdated design, unwelcoming presence, and poor standard of quality. Replacing the hall with an attractive facility for community hire maintains continuity of usage of the site and will cater for the widest range of users and community activities.

The landscaped setting, with established trees and adjacent open space, is a key feature of the site and offers great potential for the new facility. With a new hall supported by 89% of consultation respondents, it is likely that the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall will be both widely used and highly valued by the local community.

Council was recently appointed Crown Land Manager of the Reserve as a result, Ministers Consent prior to obtaining a Development Application is required. The timing implications of this approval and impact on DA period results in construction commencing in late 2021.

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Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall

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1. Summary

Randwick Council has allocated funds in Council's Budget for 2020-21 to build a new hall at the site of the Matraverse Youth & Cultural Hall on Knowles Avenue, Matraverse. The existing building dates from the 1960s, is in poor condition and is not serving the community well. It will be demolished, and a new building constructed on the same site.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to consult with the community to help inform Council's design for the new hall. The community were asked to share their experience with the current hall and offer suggestions for what they would like to see in the future. The community were invited to complete an online survey or make share an idea.

The consultation was promoted using digital and social media, posters on site and mailbox drop to around the local area.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had over 1179 unique visits, 109 surveys were completed and 14 ideas shared.

Overall, survey respondents were supportive of upgrading the hall, primarily as a hall for hire for dance or exercise classes, youth programs and indoor sports. There was little support for the hall being used as a boxing facility. In relation to the adjoining pocket park, there was majority support for improvements, especially more landscaping.

The outcomes of the consultation will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background and objectives

A community consultation program was undertaken to help inform Council's design of the new hall by gathering feedback from the community in relation to the current hall and explore what they would like to see in the future.

The consultation program aimed to:

- To obtain feedback from the community using their local knowledge and experience of the hall and adjacent open space to determine future use of the building and surrounds
- To determine the community's aspirations for the hall and adjacent open space
- To determine the perceived impacts that refurbishing the hall will have on neighbouring residents
- To determine the key features/elements required as part of the building refurb to suit current and future hirers.

2.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 21 days from 23 September to 13 October 2020.

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

The community was asked to complete an online survey or share an idea.

2.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to complete a survey or share an idea
- Letter to adjoining residents
- Mailbox drop around Matrville and Chifley
- Posters on site
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5521 residents): 23 September 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 23 September, 30 September and 7 October 2020
- Facebook post: 30 September 2020 (3324 people reached and 150 engagements) and 10 October 2020 (4374 people reached and 248 engagements)
- Email to current hirers
- Email to Ausgrid
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Digital display screens at all Libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to gather feedback via an online survey and ideas board: <https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/matravilleyouthhall>

The website was launched on 23 September was open for 21 days, closing on 13 October 2020.

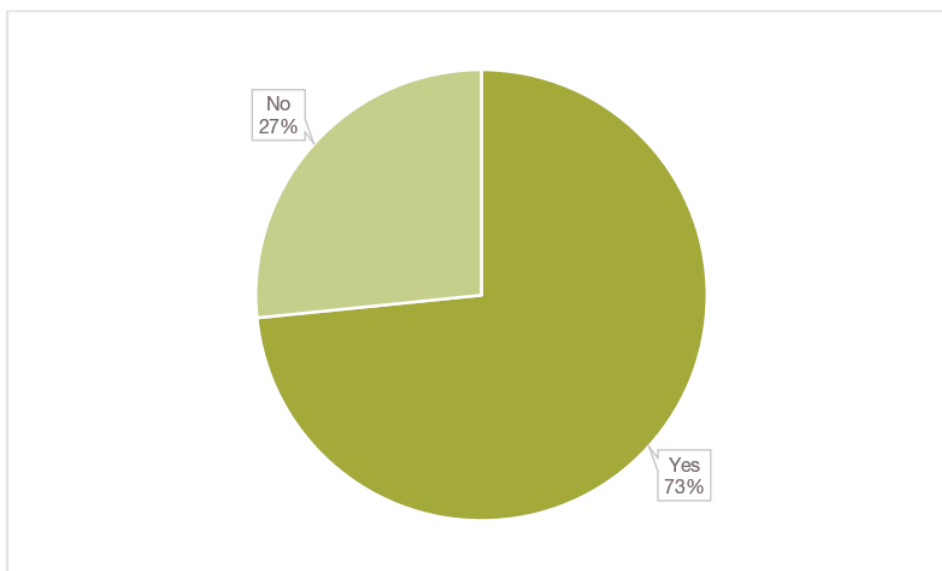
During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 1179 visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 109 surveys completed
- 14 ideas shared
- 3 submissions were sent directly to Council

3.2. Survey results

The online survey received a total of 109 responses. All graphs represent the 109 responses unless otherwise indicated.

3.2.1. Have you ever been to the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?



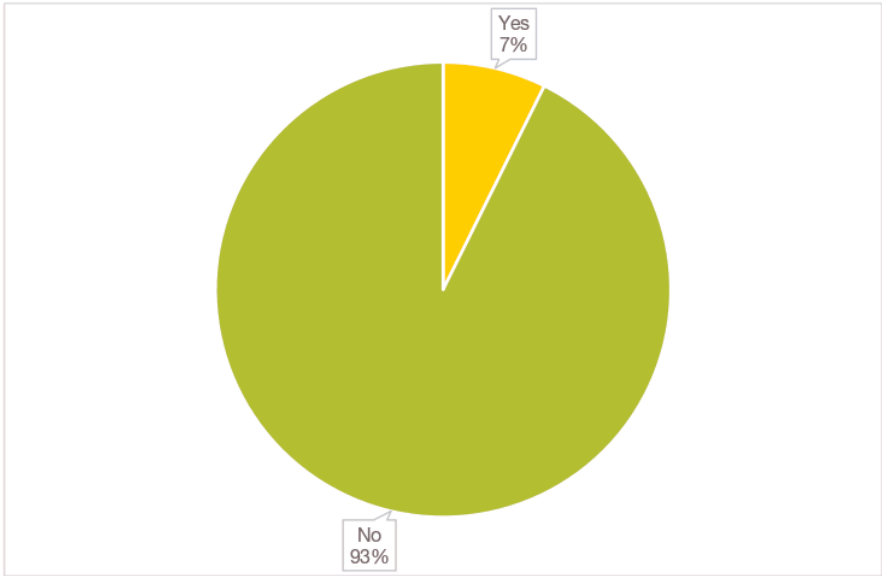
Graph 1: Have you ever been to the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?

3.2.2. What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?



Graph 2: n=67. What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?

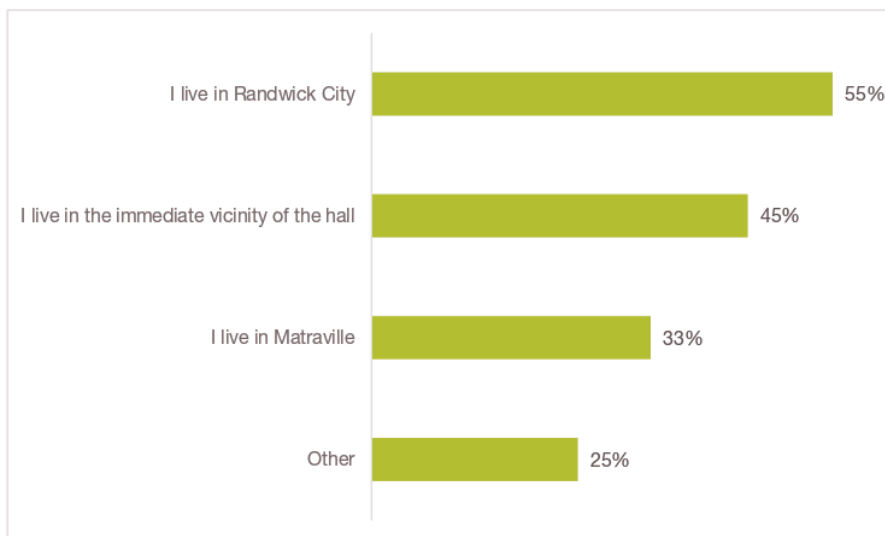
3.2.3. Have you ever hired the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?



Graph 3: Have you ever hired the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?

Reasons for hiring are shown in Appendix B.

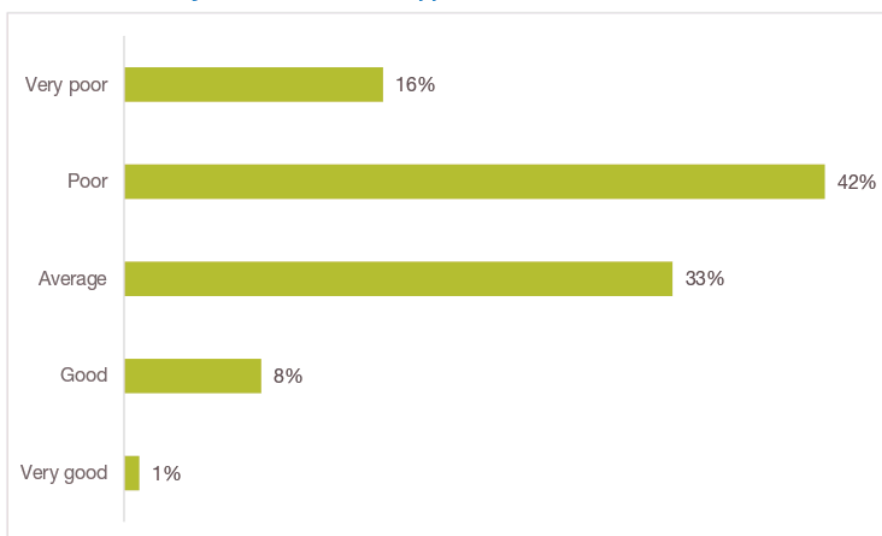
3.2.4. What best describes you?



Graph 4: What best describes you?

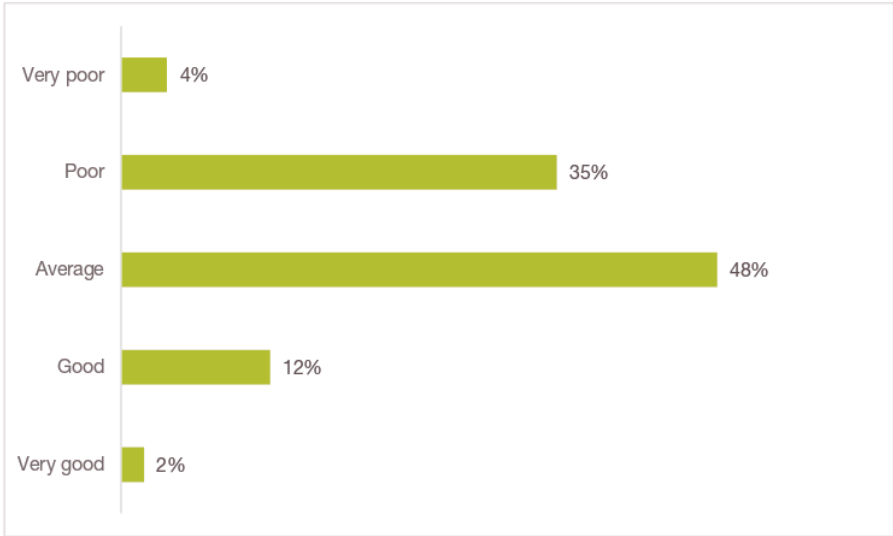
'Other' responses are shown in Appendix C.

3.2.5. How would you rate the current appearance of the hall?



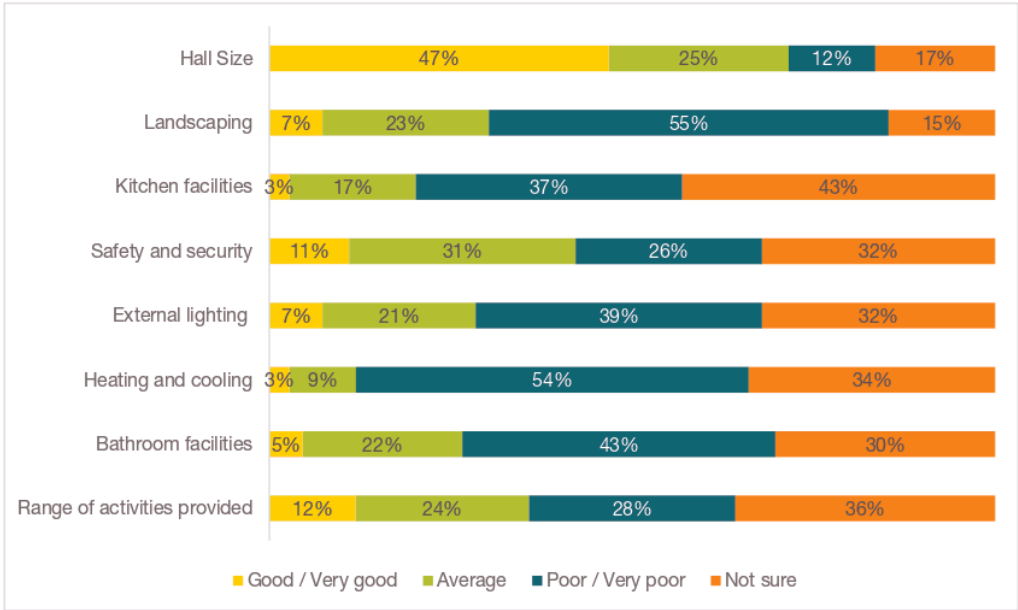
Graph 5: How would you rate the current appearance of the hall?

3.2.6. How would you rate the current functionality of the hall?



Graph 6: How would you rate the current functionality of the hall?

3.2.7. How would you rate the current facility in relation to the following?



Graph 7: How would you rate the current facility in relation to the following?

This graph shows how respondents rate the current hall in relation to several key features.

Hall size: 47% good/very good, 25% average, 12% poor/very poor.

Landscaping: 55% poor/very poor, 23% average and 7% good/very good.

Kitchen facilities: 37% poor/very poor, 17% average and 3% good/very good.

Safety and security: 31% average, 26% poor/very poor and 11% good/very good.

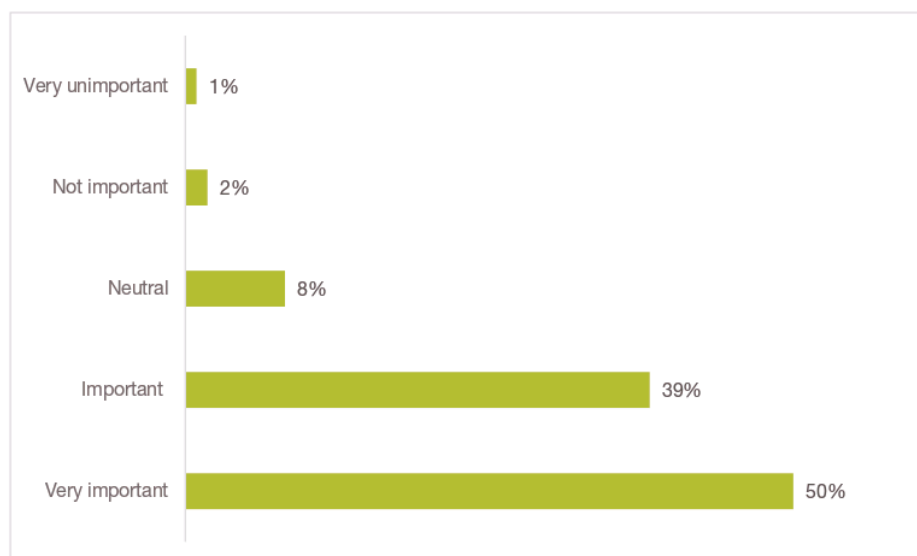
External lighting: 39% poor/very poor, 21% average and 7% good/very good.

Heating and cooling: 54% poor/very poor, 9% average and 3% good/very good.

Bathroom facilities: 43% poor/very poor, 22% average and 5% good/very good.

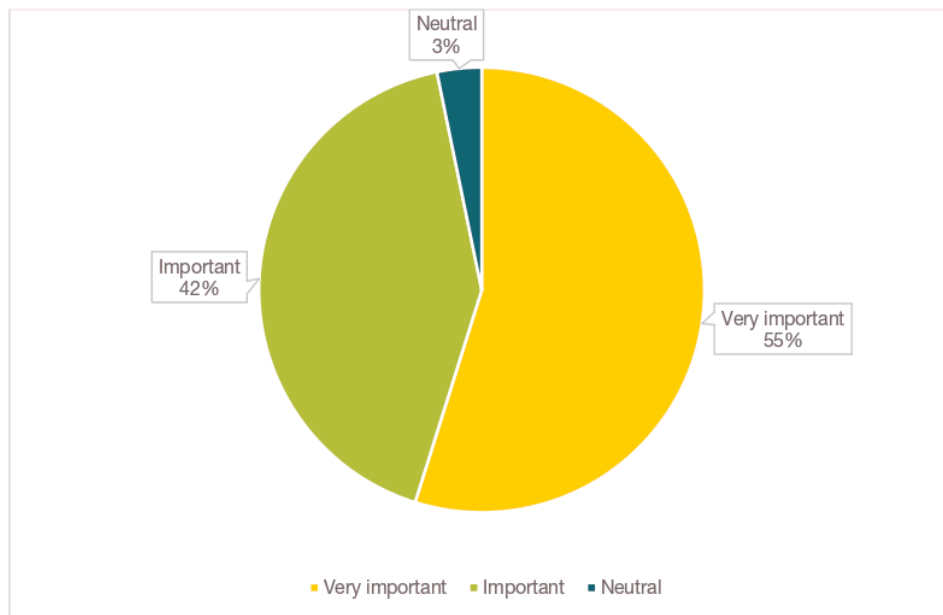
Range of activities: 28% poor/very poor, 24% average and 12% good/very good.

3.2.8. How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?



Graph 8: How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?

Free comments for “Why do you say this?” are shown in Appendix D.

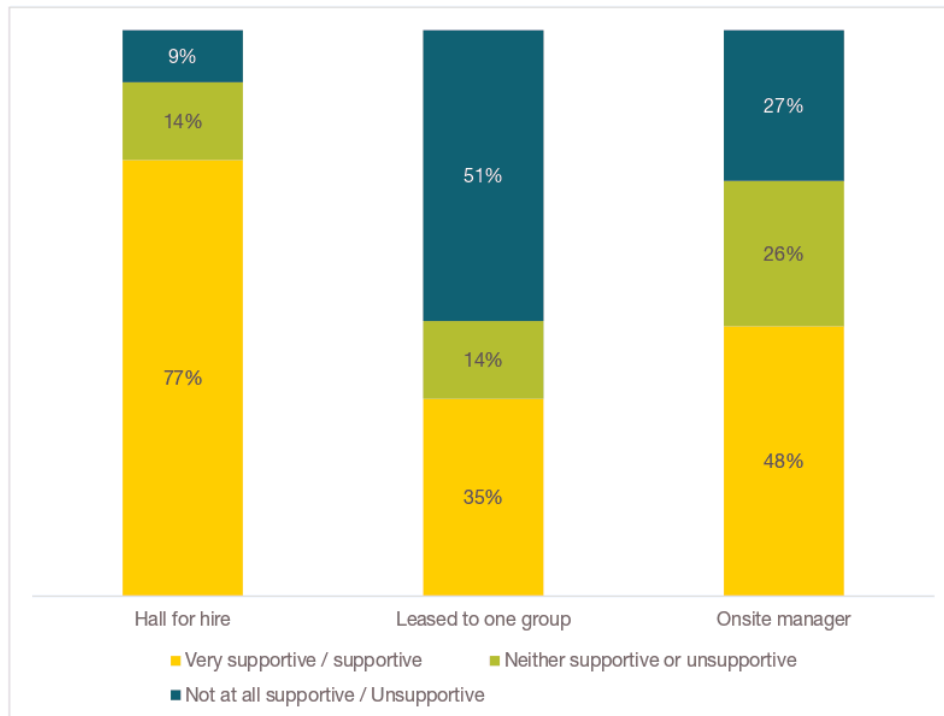


Graph 9: *n=31. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and perceived importance of upgrading the hall.*

This graph shows the perceived importance for upgrading the hall by respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall.

No respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall perceive the upgrade as not important/very unimportant.

3.2.9. How supportive are you for the facility being managed in the future with the following options?



Graph 10: How supportive are you for the facility being managed in the future with the following options?

This graph shows the level of support for how the hall should be managed in the future.

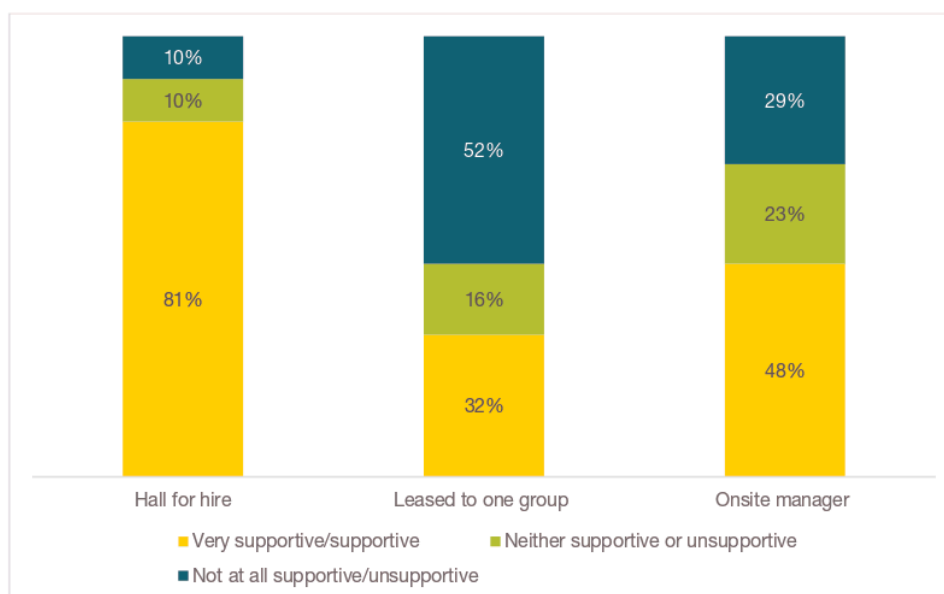
Hall for hire (e.g. by community groups, dance classes, private parties): 77% are very supportive/supportive, 9% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 14% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

Leased to one group (e.g. provider running youth programs): 35% are very supportive/supportive, 51% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 14% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

Onsite manager with activities programmed by Council: 48% are very supportive/supportive, 27% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 26% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

This indicates that most respondents are supportive of a hall for hire (77% support), followed by an onsite manager with activities programmed by Council (48% support), with leased to one group receiving the least support (51% unsupported).

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Graph 11: *n=31. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and support for how the hall should be managed.*

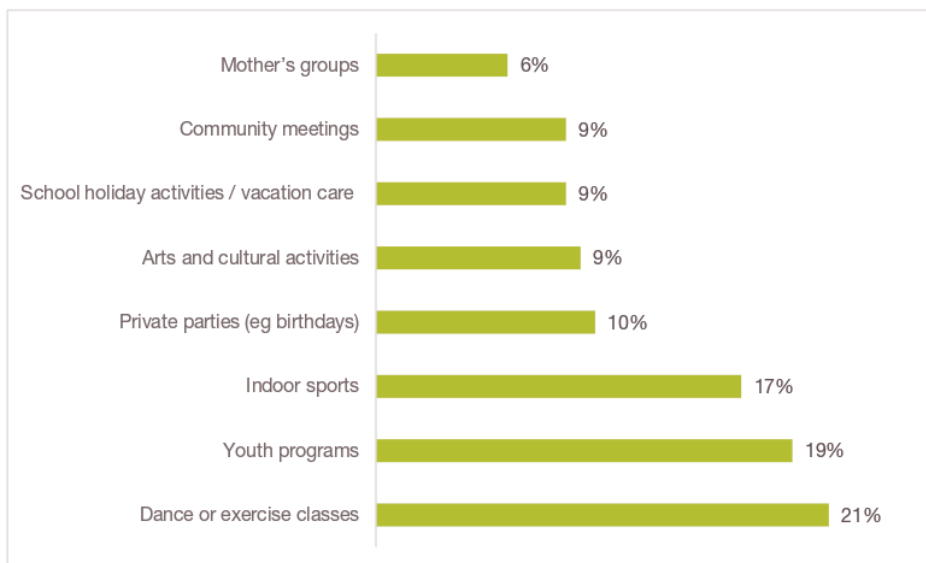
This graph shows the varying levels of support for how the hall should be managed by respondents who live within the immediate vicinity of the hall.

There is strong support for a hall for hire, with 81% of respondents being very supportive/supportive.

There is less support for the hall being leased to one group, with 32% of respondents very supportive/supportive, 16% neither supportive or unsupportive and 52% of respondents not at all supportive/unsupportive of this option.

There is also considerable support for the hall having an onsite manager with activities programmed by Council, with 48% of respondents being very supportive/supportive, 23% are neither supportive or unsupportive and 29% are not at all supportive/unsupportive.

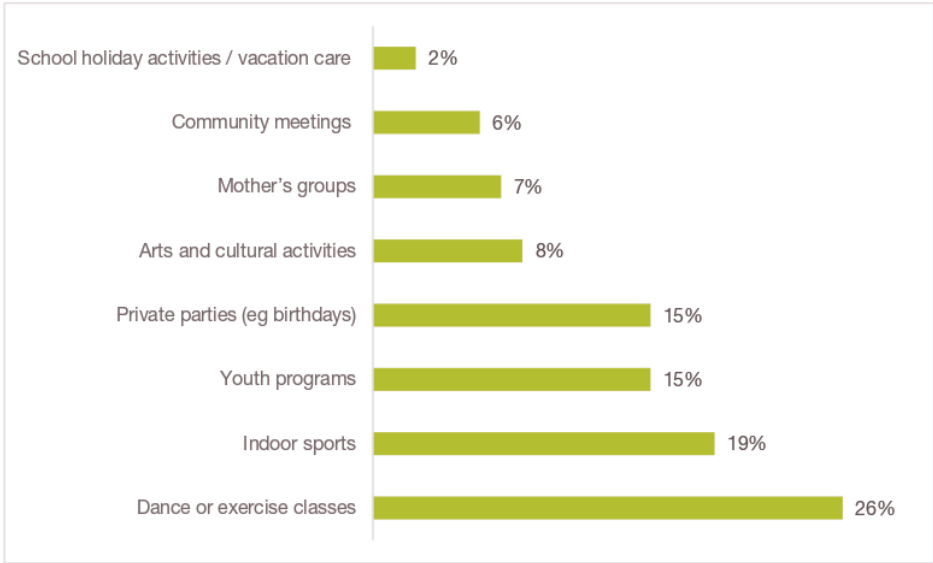
3.2.10. What types of future activities would you most like to see offered at the hall?



Graph 12: $n=297$. What types of future activities would you most like to see offered at the hall? (choose up to 3)

The graph shows majority support for dance or exercise classes, followed by youth programs and indoor sports.

3.2.11. What best describes you and preferred future activities

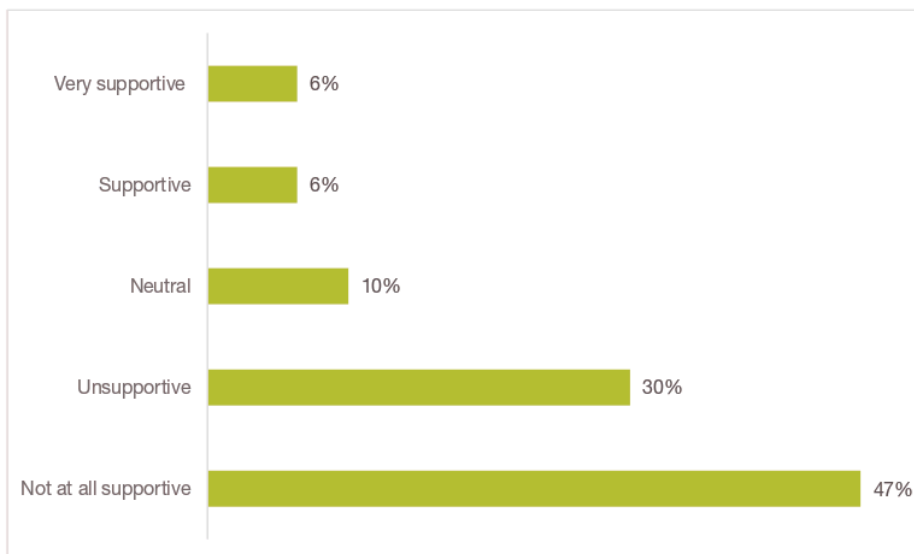


Graph 13: *n=31. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and future activities they would most like to see in the hall.*

This graph shows the preferred future activities of those respondents who live within the immediate vicinity of the hall. Most of the respondents would prefer dance or exercise classes, followed by indoor sports, then youth programs and private parties.

3.2.12. Boxing Facility

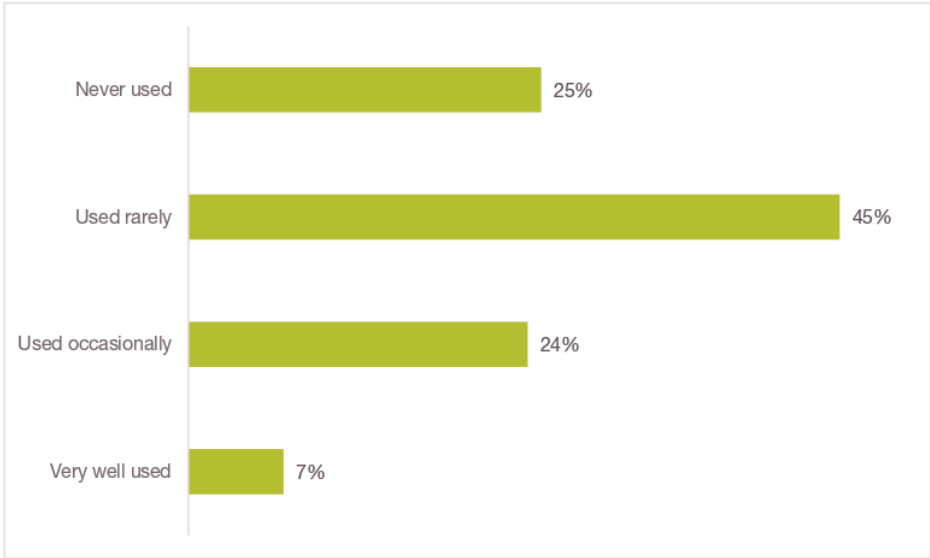
Council has been approached by a local provider requesting that we consider using the hall for a boxing facility to support local young people in the area...How supportive are you of Council exploring this as an option?



Graph 14: Support for a boxing facility

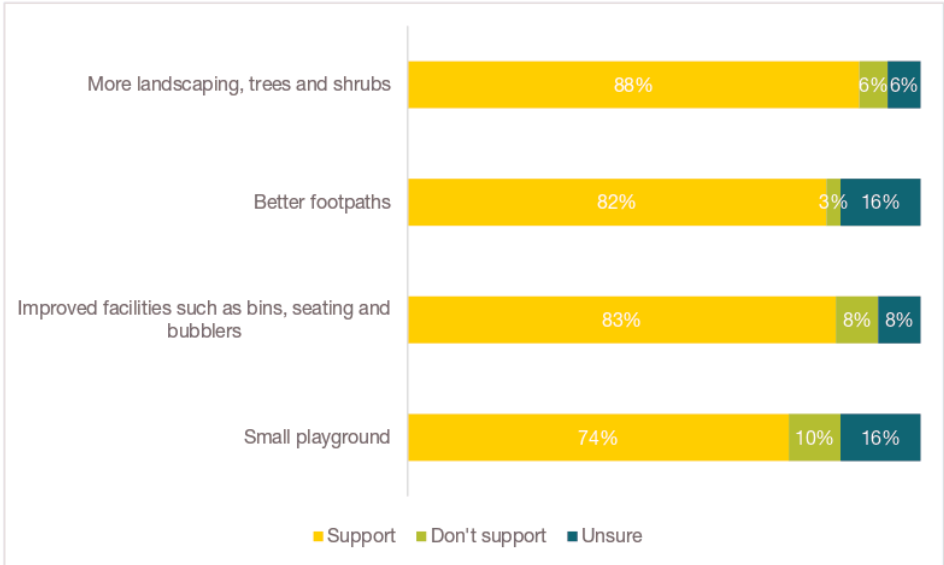
This graph shows that most respondents do not support the hall being used as a boxing facility, where a total of 77% are not at all supportive/unsupportive. Only 12% are supportive/very supportive.

3.2.13. In your opinion, how well used is the pocket park next to the hall?



Graph 15: n=106. In your opinion, how well used is the pocket park next to the hall?

3.2.14. How supportive are you of the following improvements for this space?



Graph 16: How supportive are you of the following improvements for this space?

This graph shows majority support for all the suggested improvements to the pocket park adjoining the hall.

More landscaping: 88% support, 6% do not support and 6% unsure.

Better footpaths: 82% support, 3% do not support and 16% unsure.

Bins, seating, bubblers: 83% support, 8% do not support and 8% unsure.

Small playground: 74% support, 10% do not support and 16% unsure.

3.2.15. Do you have any comments you'd like to make about potential improvements to this pocket park?

	Comments
1	Whilst I support the idea of a boxing hall, there would need to be an alternate space provided for the other providers who provide low-cost sports options for local children. Low-cost options for equity are vital!
2	Way more trees, shrubs and community garden?
3	Extremely supportive of the concept! A nice mix of play equipment for ALL aged kids would be nice, and some exercise equipment.
4	Integrate it with the hall to allow easy access from the hall to the park. This would be great for use with a playgroup in the hall. Make it a creative space to explore.
5	maybe a community garden
6	Happy with idea of boxing gym for youth club. Against hire of hall for parties . Hall next to malabar library on mondays always has rubbish stacked up empty alcohol bottles people organise parties never clean up own mess I would hate to see that happen we are already dumping ground for trucks trailers caravans.
7	Make it look nice & people will use it. Eg seats for people to read ; maybe an outdoor chess board.
8	It needs to be integrated with the use of the hall so it is one multi purpose indoor and outdoor venue for the youth in our area.
9	Would be a good idea to improve
10	Clean open space
11	For the needs of the people!
12	Should not be for a single private group. How about a range of community or club events, or a men's shed.
13	Plant natives to support wildlife
14	Make it visible, advertise it, have a council launch of the space.
15	A park aimed at adults and seniors would be a refreshing change in our area, so no childrens play equipment. A shaded garden with seating, relaxing area to enjoy some quiet time, enjoy the garden, the shade, the birds, maybe read and chat
16	open community garden, where the youth from the hall can grow food & prepare & share it.
17	Landscaping is always good.
18	It is useless at the moment.
19	Community gardens are viable and create a positive space for community interaction
20	A basketball hoop is popular. Skate park? How busy is the centre at Kensington? Certainly there seems to be a premium for centres for dancing. All depends on the demand.

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	Comments
21	I am not sure of the intended benefits or desired outcomes from this project. Let's not just do it because the hall is already there. If it doesn't make sense or is not well used, then it is perhaps better to leave this project & focus on other projects.
22	Add a playground, seats and bubblers so the whole community can use it
23	Love to have a basketball hoop for kids to utilise. Open area for teenagers to play. We have enough younger areas open
24	It would make sense to integrate the facilities if at all possible for larger community events (eg Christmas carols, community information events, family movie nights) potentially integrating landscape to further facilitate this (e.g. amphitheatre grading to space)
25	please, please, please plant native plants that attract the amazing birdlife in the area- black cockatoos, parakeets etc
26	Addition of a community garden, or veggie patch, or an open green space that allows more plant variety and improves the park and facilities aesthetics. This allows for another use not only to the park but to the proposed facilities.
27	Fenced dog walking area, this is great for locals to connect, make friends, exercise their dogs safely, some dog owners are disabled or need closed fences for safely training their puppies. Randwick council has no fenced dog parks, Botany council has 4.
28	I grew up around the corner & I used this facility for Youth Club & exercise in my youth. I also used it for Mothers play groups. I am very pleased it is being upgraded.
29	Maybe the park could contain a combination of children's stimulation toys and adults exercise set ups as well as a few benches with rubber flooring and flat grass around to create an open style setting
30	I would like to see the hall used as a youth support location for mental health. We have nothing available locally and a venue to support our youth with one on one & group conversation would be invaluable. I'm sure the local schools & police would be supportive & interact. 'Rise Foundation Australia' is a locally Matraville based foundation offering Mental Health services.
31	a small waterplay park would be a great addition
32	Bbq facility may complement the improved community hall well
33	Would love to see it being used. Child friendly (with a small park) with seating and landscaping would be very inviting. Thank you
34	Perhaps a community garden
35	Expand the hall if possible as there is a park nearby. A gym room with machines for use by youth, adults and elderly will be excellent as there are no such gyms with private training room (for yoga) in the heart of a neighborhood. A provider with training expertise is required to teach the youths for better exercising concepts and proper use of gym will be fruitful for their development.
36	if playground equipment is being installed please use as much recycled material as possible e.g. table and benches made from recycled soft plastics

	Comments
37	There wasn't an opportunity to comment on use of the Hall itself but I'd love for local mental health organisation RISE Foundation to be given responsibility for running the hall. They are all trained in evidence based mental health programs, have coaching experience and strong ties with the community when it comes to mental health and suicide prevention for young people and people around young people. You would be missing a trick if you simply gave this space to a sporting organisation as someone like RISE could introduce mental health education as well as links to sports clubs, fitness clubs, barber shops, financial literacy volunteers, other charities like R U OK? and Movember, etc. They could offer a full service to your community with the style and spirit of community led not council led initiatives - in partnership with the council but not driven by council.
38	There is plenty of small playgrounds around the area, but a well maintained grass space for ball games etc or bbq's
39	A space open to everyone in the area to use. Park benches, water fountains and a nice open area
40	Improved amenity is needed.
41	I understand RISE Foundation is interested in this site. They would be a tremendous partner to help mental health and youth in the community.
42	would be used more if it was mowed more frequently and people were stopped from dumping rubbish there (including the trailers, caravans etc)
43	All upgrades will be welcomed and I am sure that all users - particularly operators of the hall - will protect and maintain it with care and pride. MORE IMPORTANTLY I believe any operator of the Hall should provide a community service. The suggested use of the Hall as a boxing gym is exclusive and would serve only a minority.
44	Landscaping would make the park a much more desirable place to visit.
45	Presentation is everything so if you had a beautiful garden would help rent the space for private events, as well as a decent sort of kitchen.. council is responsible for upkeep so renting/leasing would provide that financial need!
46	If the improvements do not benefit seniors like me then I would not support them.
47	Any improvements would make it better than it currently is
48	There is so many parks around already why not expand the cultural hall?? There is so much land there.
49	Any improvements to the pocket park need to be designed to service the local neighbourhood. We would not want to see the enhancements result in the pocket park becoming a destination and generate further parking and traffic in surrounding streets. The intersection of Knowles Avenue and Flanders Ave is becoming increasingly unsafe from a traffic safety perspective with near misses becoming increasingly frequent. It is requested that enhancements to the park be designed in accordance with CPTED principles and ensure good passive surveillance so as to prevent antisocial behaviour.
50	Play ground with shade would be a good idea
51	No buildings on it. Need open space.
52	The pocket park is fine as it is. It should not change. It is a great open space.
53	We live in Flanders Ave and have to look at the park daily. It is usually overgrown and an eyesore. Would be good to see some trees to break up the barren landscape. People don't use it as a play area as there are two playgrounds in close proximity

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	Comments
54	The hall itself is often an additional noise source in evenings and on weekends to nearby neighbours I don't feel those living close to the hall/ pocket park would appreciate another source of noise in addition to busy pozieres avenue, and at times lack of parking on knowles avenue/ Flanders Avenue/Windsor.
55	It would be very disappointing to see this facility go to one user. This should be left open to different groups servicing the community at affordable cost.
56	Definitely landscaping as it looks barren and hot. I would not like to see any portion used as a carpark but if there is scope to widen the street for parking in that area that would be greatly appreciated as the dance lessons and parties create a jam in busy times. Thank you.
57	Outdoor training facilities would be good too.
58	As a part of southern cross Tae kwon do we would like a functional hall for all, not just one party
59	Taekwondo is an important activity for the community and it requires adequate space. It is a popular activity that attracts many to the centre.
60	All upgrades would be very supported.
61	To keep the site well groomed and something like an outdoor gym would be good.
62	Make it accesible from the hall, and add a small security fence. That will make it a connected functional space
63	Consider an outdoor soccer or basketball pitch
64	The cleanest place is very poor!! Little kickers please turn lights off!!! Every Saturday same thing!!! 3 week The hall light on until Tuesday (karate turn off all the lights always thanks guys!!) the cleaners spend just 15 min inside.... cleaning??? I live in front of the hall I think 10-15 min is not enough!!! (yellow bin is the 3 week on street!!) please come and check! Thanks so much!!

Table 1: Comments regarding the pocket park.

3.3. Ideas Board

14 ideas were shared on the online ideas board, outlined in the following table.

	Idea	Upvotes
1	Surely the hall can be refurbished and the money saved spent on the homeless in our area new build absolute waste	
2	The new building should have better flow between the indoor/outdoor spaces. Events that flow between inside and outside spaces are very disjointed due to the small doors in the corner.	2
3	Better acoustics. The current building is very echoy, it can be hard to enjoy events with music or lots of people talking. Less echo in the acoustics would make it more enjoyable.	

	Idea	Upvotes
4	Local Youth Hub. In addition to the idea about the boxing facility, it would be wonderful to incorporate a range of services for local youth. With a spate of youth self harm and suicides in the area recently to have the ability to have a hub that brings qualified counsellors, trainers and other self management services in one location would be amazing. The gap in help available for 12 - 17yrs olds has been highlighted to me by a friend with a troubled teen. A local hub that kids will actually want to go to and where they we can help in a positive and inviting environment and help them become strong productive members of the community would be an asset the community and the rewards reaped for generations to come.	1
5	More creative arts needed in the area. This is a neighbourhood area so I think more passive activities would serve the local community. We have many sporting facilities and Heffron Park is the ideal area to expand any of these activities but there are few cultural activities such as Art and Drama classes, yoga etc.especially for children. There is limited parking in the street and this needs to be considered. And for council to support local artists to teach interested creative local community members of all ages.	3
6	Rise Foundation Mental Health Hub. I'm fully supportive of Rise Foundation Australia being able to use the hall to create a hub for mental health education and support in the Eastern Suburbs. Coming out of Covid I feel that it is absolutely essential that people have a place to go for support in this area!	1
7	Pre and post work hours Yoga classes. Supporting mental and physical wellbeing for those working And new parents. It would be super to have a mums and bubs yoga. As there currently isn't classes in Coogee.	
8	A venue to hire by the public and organisations. An online platform allowing local residents and organisations to book the venue for short periods of time. Allow the public to hire the venue to host socially beneficial events: e.g. meet-up events, pop up shops, fundraisers, children's parties, plays, children's events, talks, meet the MP Q&A, Garage sales to local residents to both buy and sell, bike servicing, fitness classes, elderly teas and games, First aid classes, cooking classes, group therapy, workshops, Girl guides, Cubs and Scouts, Toast masters, Women's Institute, Martial arts, Craft workshops and groups, meditation...	1
9	Eco build and carbon natural. Create the first sustainable village hall of the future. Solar cells for power, thermal mass heating, permaculture, Dry toilet. Support Australian businesses that manufacture and supply eco building products buy using and promoting their products during the new build.	1
10	Low cost quality daycare. Support women to get back to work. The system has become unaffordable.	
11	Spoken with a lot of youth in the area, they all said they want a basketball hoop area closer to home (Matraville/Chifley/La Perouse). Outdoor basketball hoop/handball area for youth, similar to the Heffron Park one. Indoor space suitable for practical skill sharing between all generations in the local area. Please can the new space become an actual community centre, not a glorified corporate venue to generate hall hire income for council (re; what happened with the Prince Henry Centre as it was opened and launched as a 'Community Centre').	1

	Idea	Upvotes
12	Cultural and recreational hall. Keep the hall open to all members of the community. Allow local members to continue to use the hall for recreation activities such as Tae Kwon Do.	
13	<p>In talking with local youth, it was interesting to learn that non of them were aware of the facility. Suggestions they said they would like. Cultural mural to represent the diversity of local area, youth mentoring, community garden, art classes, tutoring, music classes, cooking classes, yoga classes, netball/basketball court, soccer field, table tennis, air hockey, video games (arcade), volley ball court, TV, Pizza Oven, Kitchen (Microwave, fridge, oven), USB ports, pool table, couch/furniture/tables, bathroom, handball court, outside seating, reverse cycle air condition, Donation center (cloths, books), library, sport area, movie room, dance studios, music room, indoor/outdoor games.</p> <p>Also suggestions made from the group on how to create greater awareness of what is available - these include: Social media, posters, local news publications, website, radio, bus stop posters, APP. TV commercials</p>	
14	As a local youth mentor I feel the hall needs areas Indoor for kitchen, TV, Art, games, reading, music, dancing, Outdoor basketball, food garden, gym. Targeting youth 10-17 in the area, I believe they would engage in growing food-fruit/veg garden, cooking, Learning Art & Languages, playing games, watching a movie, Outdoor basketball, handball & gym areas. Talks on life skills. A chill out-quiet area. A variety of things they may not have available in their own homes or lives.	

Table 2: Your Say Ideas Board

3.4. Submission from Matrville Sports High

Council received a submission from a group of Year 8 and 9 students of Matrville High School, who gathered feedback from their school community on what activities they would like to see offered at the new Matrville Youth and Cultural Hall. The students designed a digital survey and promoted it through the school, receiving a total of 71 responses.

The survey found strong support for youth programs, art and cultural activities and a community kitchen in the hall. Outdoor activities included a basketball hoop, community gardens, mini-soccer field and landscaping. See Appendix F for full results.

3.5. Submissions

Table 3 below lists the three submissions received via email to Council.

	Submissions
1	<p>Following suggestions for possible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids fitness programs - Adult fitness programs - Basketball/soccer for the outside <p>Basically making it a place for the whole family to go and be active.</p> <p>Thanks for reading my suggestions</p>

	Submissions
2	What about a life size bronze sculpture of Randwick local legend Little Pattie Surrounded by many small dancing figures "Stomping at Maroubra"?
3	<p>Apologies for being a little bit late with this proposal, but it's only just come to my attention that the proposed upgrade could dovetail with an idea I have been pursuing.</p> <p>I believe that in the COVID and post-COVID era we need to be thinking about building structures that allow for safe (outdoor) large group meetings, rehearsals and performances. In the long term there will be a shift in the way we, as a community, have large meetings, attend performances and so on.</p> <p>Choirs and bands in particular are unable to meet, rehearse or perform indoors due to COVID. This situation is likely to continue for at least another year, if not indefinitely.</p> <p>There are really no bespoke structures in the area that cater to this need, but a lot of potential to do so, and these structures are relatively inexpensive to construct.</p> <p>I would like to propose that a structure be designed with the following in mind :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acoustically resonant for the purpose of meetings, and musical and theatrical rehearsals Very open to the outside for COVID safety Protection from the weather as much as possible (including position, orientation) Adaptable to be used a performance stage (choirs, bands, theatre) Preferably positioned adjacent to a natural amphitheatre, or with (open) raked seating adjacent.

Table 3: Submissions

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3.6. Facebook



Image: Facebook post and comments 30 September 2020.

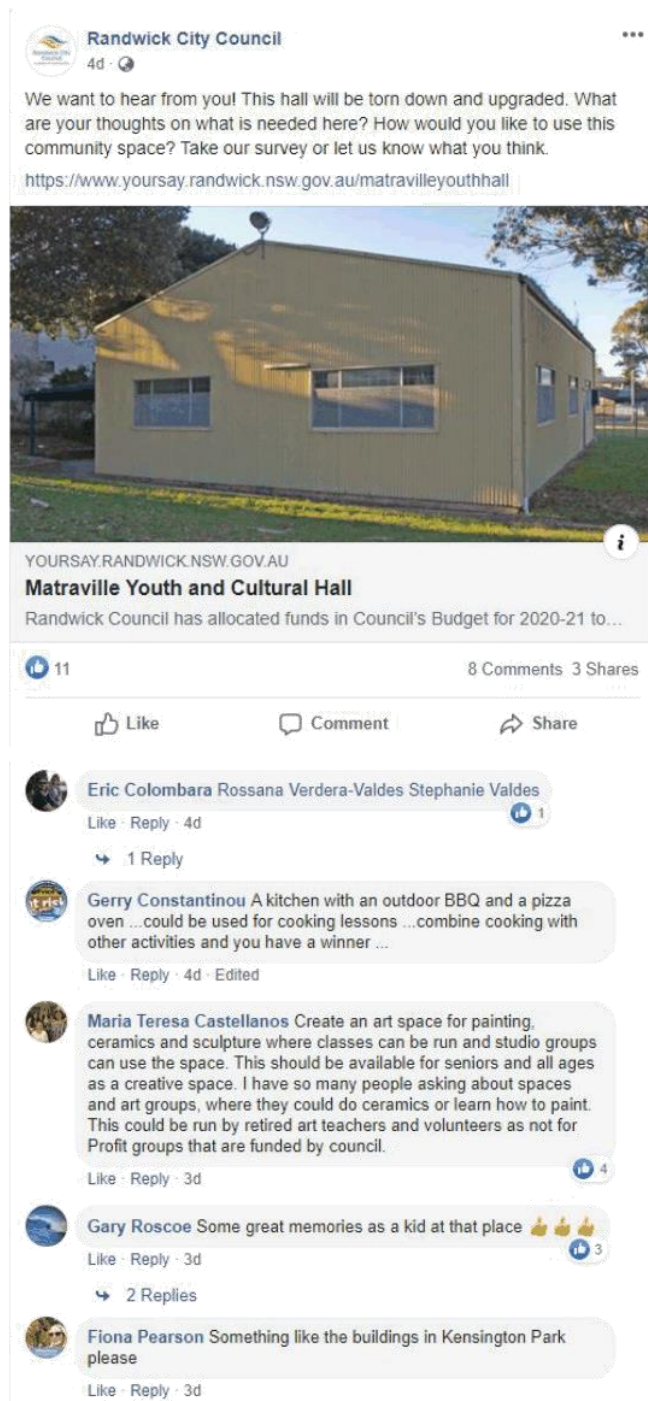


Image: Facebook post and comments 10 October 2020.

A. 'Other' responses for reason for visiting the hall

What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?

Inspection of premises.

I was a member of the Matraville Youth Club in the late 1960. We had meetings there.

My visit was many years ago.

Cultural meeting many years ago.

I have not attended the hall for maybe 45 years. I used to go there when I was about 10 and 11 years old for the Matraville RSL youth club

Child pick up

Playgroup

Learning Taekwondo

B. Responses to Why did you most recently hire the hall?

Why did you most recently hire the hall?

Birthday Party

Teakwondo training

Kids birthday

Regular hirer

I teach Taekwondo twice a week, and found this hall to be perfectly located for my students of all ages who live in a 3-5 km radius .

Birthday Party

Birthday party for children

Birthday party

C. 'Other' responses to What best describes you?

What best describes you?
Have lived in Matraville & Maroubra for 60 years
Coogee
I live in Malabar
I live in Pagewood but have attended the hall for classes
I regularly visit family and friends in Matraville and am connected to local mental health advocates in a professional capacity.
I work in the region
Often in Matraville
I work in Matraville
I am dedicated & passionate Taekwondo teacher who believes in keeping the art alive and ensuing that everyone of all ages has access to learning Taekwondo. Taekwondo is art which can be traced back 300 years and has meaningful behind it which what my students learn
I live in La Perouse (2036) and often visit the Matraville area, including the Youth and Cultural Hall.
Training at the hall 2 times a week
Parent of child who uses the hall
I live in mascot
I live in Randwick city and I am a regular user of the hall
I visit the hall for training/activities.
I use the facilities and am an eastern suburbs local
I live near by and train in the hall.

D. Free comments (all respondents): How important is it that Council upgrades the hall?

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Very important	Live in the area my whole life, and have only been there for parties as a kid (25 years ago), and it wasn't in good shape back then. Would be nice for the venue to be completely redone (new everything), enlarged, and to continue to be of use by the community. Landscaping is definitely required, and a playground/basketball court/exercise equipment park next door in the vacant land would be nice.
Very important	it should be used for assisting the local community . like play groups.
Very important	Its outside appearance does not encourage its use.
Very important	There is a current shortage and a definite need for recreational space for the youth in the area.
Very important	I would like to use the hall again in the future. It should be upgraded to serve the community better
Very important	History and should be made available for community services
Very important	It is essential that local community spaces are maintained, upgraded and made available to local residents.
Very important	Randwick Council is very short on arts and cultural space and spaces for adults to enjoy
Very important	Our local youth needs a safe, fun, exciting place to visit, with activities & sports to interest them.
Very important	For many years it has seemed just to sit there, unused on a huge block of land.
Very important	This area could do with a center that would act as a community for support and service referrals. Youth, AOD, DV and mental Health support center would be beneficial.
Very important	There seems to be a premium on space for exercise and other activities in the Municipality
Very important	Great opportunity to upgrade the hall, for local groups to utilise this space with a improved functioning hall
Very important	A local hall is a great place to bring people together, for people to hire for events and celebrations (in a COVID safe way), as many cannot entertain big groups at home.
Very important	By upgrading this facility, there will be potential for much better community usage.
Very important	I think that people need to have access to community spaces for small events, that are not profit making centres.
Very important	It looks derelict from the outside. It could make a fantastic venue for the community if upgraded

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	My daughter takes Tae Kwon-do classes there twice a week but the facilities are very substandard and the floor is always filthy. They used to use the Malabar memorial hall but the price to rent almost doubled overnight. If you increase rents substantially small sporting groups etc will not be able to survive and have no where else to operate. If the rents are going to increase we would rather the filthy, dirty, hot in summer and freezing in winter hall that is currently there.
Very important	The community needs more local places and resources
Very important	The hall is very old and of course inside is old. The flooring need replacing and the bathrooms need an upgrade as well as heating/cooling. I am unaware if there is a kitchen, but would recommend one be installed. Thankyou
Very important	The community hall is a great asset if utilised to its full potential. Spaces such as this hall are integral to the continuation of community-based sport, recreation and events. This space is already used but an upgrade would see this opportunities improve and new ones flourish.
Very important	Matraverse is attracting many young families that would benefit from an upgraded community hall. It would bring people together and help create a stronger sense of community. I think it would be used extensively when upgraded to the appropriate standard.
Very important	Matraverse has a lot of families. They need a centre for events and activities.
Very important	There are limited public facilities for Matraverse's local neighborhood.
Very important	I would like to see the community hall used by people who really need the space. In its current form it is not utilised to its full capacity or seeing the community engagement outcomes for the council.
Very important	Our community is lacking in spaces that people, especially youths, WANT to go to. Spaces that provide proactive services
Very important	We would love to be able to provide the community a safe space area. We at The Rise Foundation would love a headquarters as such to be able to have a drop in centre for youths. A space to facilitate mental health courses. And spaces for our team for community training, yoga, and learn basic life skills and mentoring.
Very important	Community spaces must be supported and utilised. Eg the RISE foundation which provides so many currently needed services to the community.
Very important	It would be a great facility to house the Rise Foundation

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How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	I would really like Rise Foundation to be set up there. Their work has helped with a lot of organisations to deal with mental health. I think this should be something that is considered seriously as we need a safe space people can find out more information to support themselves or others.
Very important	Community needs the space.
Very important	The spaces available for use by community members and larger community groups is very limited. I often here of community activities where people are unable to find a space.
Very important	It is a well known building central to the community!
Very important	The Community's safety and amenity should come first. If Council is to retain this asset, why not make it a high quality one? Or no asset at all?
Very important	It is an asset to the community and if upgraded will be more widely used than in its present condition
Very important	community means people participation and I've never seen anything happening there!
Very important	The building is old and dilapidated and is in need of a refresh
Very important	<p>I own a dance studio. We have limited spaces or places to actually lease due to zoning.(we are not allowed in industrial areas)</p> <p>I would love to be able to hire this hall for my dance school. Why does Randwick council support other sports and build new premises for gymnastics when dancing is one of the main activities for children?? Yet so limited in space our businesses are going under? And we have been around for 34 yrs.</p> <p>If we hire retail spots they become so Expensive and not big enough!</p> <p>During this year I have had to move due to covid and now been told can only be at new place for 2 years as again been demolished due to new gymnastics and fields for the Rabbitohs.</p> <p>I would like to see it been hired to one person and opened to art and cultural classes and school holiday workshops. We are in need of more space especially for dance studios. Even with halls hired out by Randwick council, halls are so limited as and no space in any of them as I have been trying for 1.5yrs in these halls!</p> <p>Please consider a dance studio. As this was what it is set up as.</p>
Very important	It is important for local communities to have halls and spaces for the community to come together
Very important	Its been in need of an upgrade for a significant period of time.
Very important	I would like to see the Hall upgraded with better flooring (tiles) and better toilet facilities with more room in them. The size of the hall is good.

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	I have seen this hall deteriorate over the years. I have attended the hall as a guest for a few birthday parties and noticed the neglect then - dirty and cracked floor, poorly maintained kitchen facilities, run down bathroom and overgrown vegetation to name a few things. My children have been attending classes at the hall twice a week for the past 2 years. They always come home filthy so I have always questioned the upkeep of the place. Their instructor now cleans the floor himself and that has already made a difference! It's unfortunate that a venue that has so much potential has become the way it has. Community halls like this, that have reasonable hire charges, are the reason why local families can afford extra activities for their children.
Very important	For the community to use the facility
Very important	My children attend the facility twice a week and would prefer if this is upgraded
Very important	It would be great to see trees planted in the adjacent park. Normally the grass there is overgrown and it is an eyesore. We live in Flanders Ave and have young kids but have never once used the park in its current state.
Very important	So that all activities and hiring capability benefit from the space
Very important	It plays a key role in the community
Very important	The current building is out dated and in dire need for upgrade and renovation. So that more and all community members can use and enjoy it.
Very important	The youth in the local community are vulnerable and need a place where they can gather, feel safe, and feel welcomed.
Very important	This will allow instructor Avallone continue his great work for the community in providing affordable Taekwondo lessons for people who cannot afford those fancy schools which are so expensive. But what is in important that this hall remain affordable for all hirers in the future and that the council does become greedy
Important	Under utilised - could do with better insulation and facilities to service arts community
Important	This is a valuable community resource that could be used for many activities in the community. In this area of the Randwick municipality we have few organised activities for the residents. It would be wonderful to see the arts represented- with affordable drama, music and art classes as well as other activities such as yoga, pilates, dancing and classes etc for young and old. I used to go to a playgroup with my granddaughter and this was a great use for the hall. It definitely needs a revamp! I would strongly object to allowing one group to monopolise its use. It must be run by the council so it can provide a broad range of community activities, certainly not the same activity every day, minimising its use to others. (eg after school activities must have variety, not cater to only one group)

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Important	As a local resident and user of the Hall I feel that an upgrade is a good idea but not if the current users are forced out of the hall . Southern Cross Teakwondo is a not for profit club that encourages community health and respect. Members age from 5 to 57 and also including indigenous students . All we require is a simple hall with a wooden floor .
Important	The site could be more useful
Important	It's a resource that suits this community.
Important	Youth need this kind of facility. It's good for the surrounding community.
Important	It is a community asset which when used by the community will aid those organisations and individuals that need it.
Important	This venue is a community hub and modernising it will provide additional, much needed activities for children, young people and adults.
Important	It looks very tired and is unappealing to hire as a space.
Important	It would be good to have a nice hall in the area. I have used the hall for Little Kickers Soccer only. If it was nicer then I would consider using it for other activities and functions.
Important	It's important to provide facilities that allow smaller organisations, not for profits, and individuals in the area to book the facility for activities Whether that's club events, training, performances, or simply an affordable venue for larger gatherings (eg family celebrations). To add to this, I think it's important that facilities like this are designed by young and emerging architects, allowing them to introduce new and interesting ideas, helping to develop their experience and portfolio while creating a great asset for the broader community.
Important	Community spaces are very important
Important	There isn't really any other of this type of facility in the immediate area. It's been here for many years which shows that it is an important part of the community.
Important	It is an asset and should be maintained to a good standard for local groups to use. The hall should be able to be used by a group and then left is basically empty for a next group to a tend the hall and not be dedicated to one venture
Important	Had a funny smell but I liked the hall because it was bright and airy and it had mirrors. There were loads of spiders and bugs/cobwebs in the windows and got hot during class.

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Important	it's important to have a facility like this that is local, easy to get to for people who don't drive or do not want to have to leave their local community
Important	It's very outdated. Great space but no cooling/heating. Bathrooms are a mess and kitchen area is tiny
Important	It's rather tired and run-down, with poor sound and thermal properties.
Important	Our kids and community need places to go and be part of the community.
Important	As this would be a great asset to the community if it was used for our members
Important	I would prefer the Council moves this to a more appropriate area, not in the middle of residential area - for instance, as part of Heffron Park, where there is parking available.
Important	If it benefits seniors like me
Important	It is very important that this community hall be updated, I emphasize community hall for access to all people at anytime especially like myself as a teacher who provides affordable activities for ages. I don't want to see this hall be upgraded and access given to one group... I refer to it becoming a boxing gym which is not inline with what a community hall is all about
Important	We regularly use the hall, twice a week for the last 3 years for taekwondo. It is an underutilized asset. Pretty sure we are the only tenant. The floor is always dirty. Bathroom stalls are tiny. Heating/cooling not existent. If improved I'm sure more community groups such as taekwondo, dance and kids sports would hire the hall.
Important	Very concerned that this will be a single purpose facility. Need to be multi purpose and with various groups able to use it. Living in Flanders Ave have serious concerns for increase traffic as a result of any changes that are to be made to this centre. . It is quite hard to safely exit Flanders into Knowles because of parked vehicles on Knowles Ave . Hoping whatever changes are made to this facility that this is taken into account. Quite unsafe at times.
Important	It is important for community sport/health activities. The council should also ensure that existing users of the hall will still have the same access after the development.
Important	The hall is not in the best state it could be. It looks old and dated. The toilets are not in good condition. During summer it gets unbearably hot and classes move outside to the park.
Important	This is a valuable community resource
Important	For safety and to allow cooling. In summer many of the sports in the hall go onto the nearby grass
Important	Concrete floor and heating/ cooling are the biggest issues

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How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Important	It gets used by groups, especially the Tae Kwando that we attend
Important	The hall is used by different groups of all ages and has not been upgraded or maintained in a very long time. It should be for the community and not for one group only. Also if the cost of hire is increased then it will be out of reach of the current groups that use it. There are members of Southern cross taekwondo that are indigenous and the non profit sports group is for all ages. Also I attended mother's group there with my children and having run various mothers and multiple birth groups in the past , fully understand the difficulty in finding affordable facilities. I am not against any group using it but it is a 'Community' hall and should remain so.
Important	The community should have the better resources for activities but it should under no circumstances be taken away from the community and have it hired to one single user. Having current agreements cancelled to favour one single user is not good for the community.
Important	The hall is a great space for a range of community uses but really needs updating so that it continues to cater well for the whole community.
Important	Places like these have a very important bonding role for the community.
Important	Pity to see an asset with such potential (location) wasted
Neutral	I think it would be important to ask the youth directly for what they would want, before you design and use the resources to upgrade a new hall. I am sure the outcome would be more successful if you consult directly with them as they would be so appreciative if their needs and wants are heard. You might want to outsource this consultation but if well done the new hall will be used and loved. Thanks for consulting us oldies.
Neutral	I don't know enough about who uses it.
Neutral	Minimal construction when completing the project, the use of pre fabricated buildings or re used shipping containers. Also the addition of community gardens, veggie patch or a open green space that the community can also use.
Neutral	I really like doing my Taekwondo training in this hall. It has really helped having the hall cleaner and free of concrete debris
Neutral	I think it's important to look at building structures and there practical life span and make changes when necessary. My concern is that there is less and less options for our community to hire places at affordable rates. We currently use the hall 2 times a week and although not ideal but is about all we can afford. Will the cost of the hall be out of the communities reach if it gets upgraded? I'm really not in favour of the hall being only accessible to 1 group. That's not a community hall.

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Neutral	It is important to have a facility like this in a community for hire but I have only been in there twice. I drive past daily.
Neutral	It is used by local community members for recreational use. Without the hall local groups will have to find an alternative. Why propose a boxing hall for youth when they can learn to defend themselves by doing tae kwon do on Tuesdays and Thursdays night with a great community.
Not important	I don't think people will hire this hall for extravagant events and probably use it for community or birthday or similar functions and therefore upgrading it won't justify the return the council will get for hiring it out.
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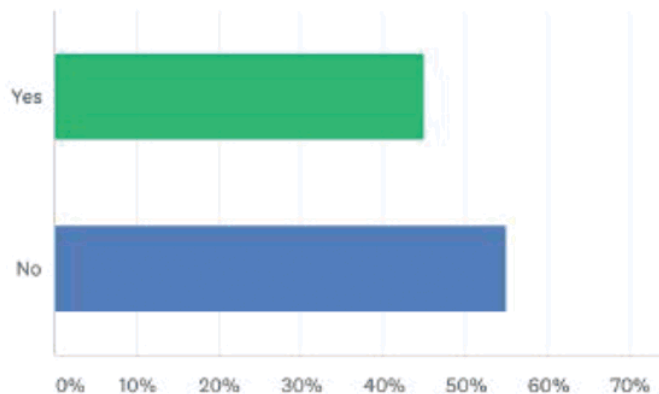
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F. Matraverse Sports High survey results

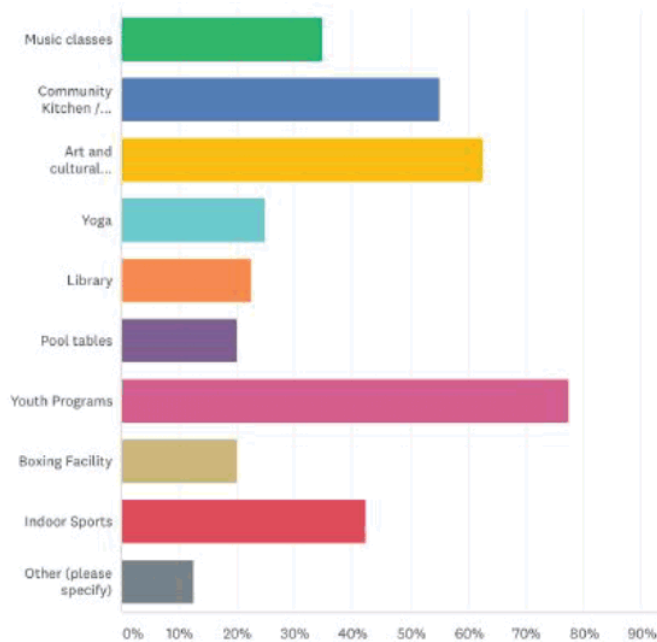
MATRAVILLE YOUTH AND CULTURAL HALL- COMMUNITY INPUT

To help inform Council's design for the new hall, a focus group of year 8/9 reached out to the students of Matraverse Sports High School to ask their input on what activities they would like to see offered in the new building to be constructed. Key findings are as followed:

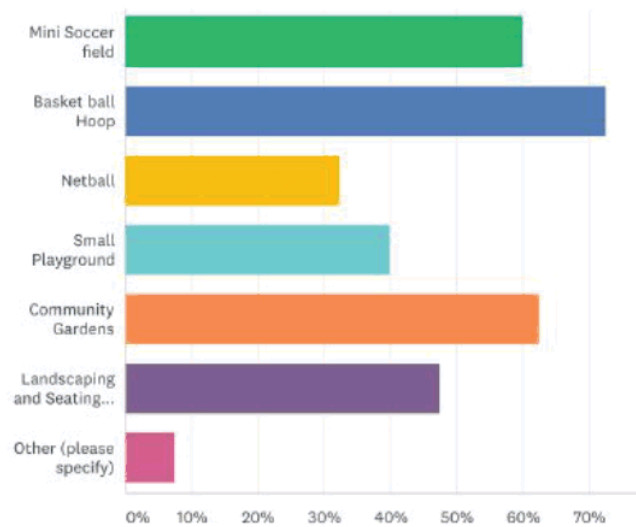
Have you heard of the Matraverse Community Hall?



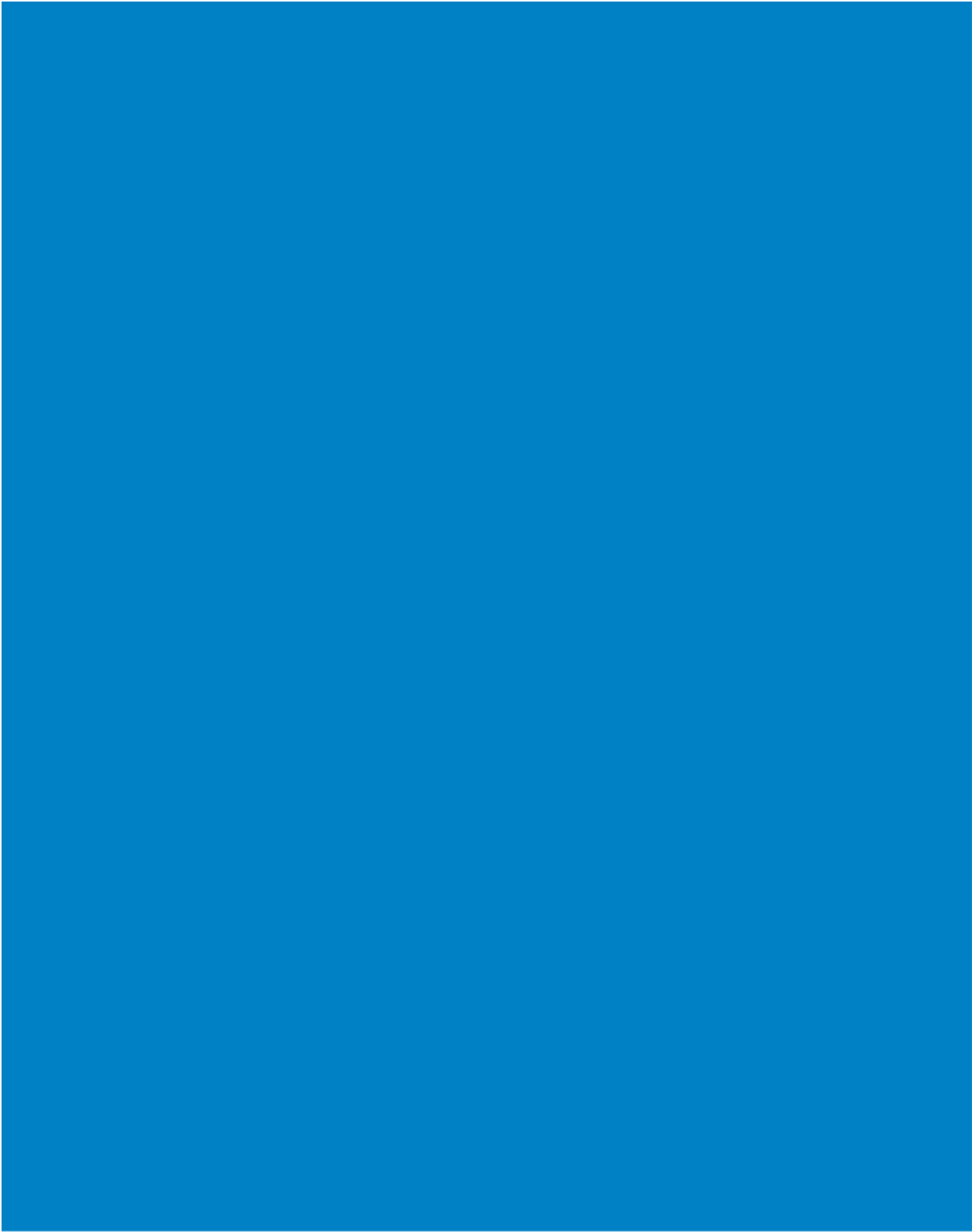
What activities would you like offered inside the hall?



What activities would you like for outdoors?



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Director City Services Report No. CS59/20

Subject: Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee



Executive Summary

- The Council's Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meets quarterly to examine issues relating to bike riding and cycling facilities.
- The August 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee was attended by Councillors, representatives of BIKEast, members of the community, and Council staff.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meeting, held on 19 August 2020, be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  MINUTES August 2020 CABFAC Meeting (Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee CABFAC)
2.  REPORT Initiatives for Bicycle Riders - August 2020 update (CABFAC, IBR, cycling - by Hong-Sanh Hua)

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Purpose

The Advisory Committee considered numerous matters of importance to local bicycle riders and the Minutes from the Committee's meeting, held on 19 August 2020, are attached.

Also included is the updated 'Initiatives for Bicycle Riders' list – which captures each matter proposed and/or completed regarding facilities for bicycle riders in Randwick City.

Discussion

Refer to attachment *MINUTES – Cycleways and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting – 19 August 2020*.

The next meeting of this forum was held on 18 November 2020, and those Minutes will be reported to Council in early 2021 once reviewed and approved by the attendees.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for 6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 February 2021.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	9. Integrated and accessible transport.
Direction	9a. A network of safe and convenient walking paths and cycleways linking major land uses and recreation opportunities.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Any proposals for expenditure arising from the Advisory Committee's recommendations are either covered by existing funding allocations or would be the subject of separate reports to the Council for funding.

Policy and legislative requirements

The Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee is set up to advise on bicycle infrastructure related matters. It was established from a Council Resolution on 10 October 2017.

Terms of reference:

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycleways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycleway and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within "Sydney's Cycling Future"; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils.

Conclusion

The Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee is a positive forum for the consideration of matters important to bicycle riders. The Committee's recommendations are supported, and it is considered that they should be endorsed by the Council.

Responsible officer: Jane Parker, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer

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Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Minutes

6:30pm Wednesday 19 August 2020

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Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within "Sydney's Cycling Future"; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair will ask for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held:

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.

On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today."

2. Attendance and apologies

In attendance

Councillor Kathy Neilson
Councillor Lindsay Shurey
Councillor Philipa Veitch
Councillor Murray Matson
Ms Yvonne Poon (BIKEast)
Dr Blanka Golebiowski (BIKEast and UNSW Science Sustainability Working Group)
Dr Anita Liebenau (UNSW Science Sustainability Working Group)
Ms Kristina Warton (Local resident)
Mr Dick van den Dool (BIKEast)
Mr Lee Roberts (BIKEast)
Mr Paul Chilcott (Randwick Precinct)
Mr Tony Lehmann (chair), Ms Despina Kalavas, Ms Jane Parker, Mr Hong-Sanh Hua (Randwick City Council)

Apologies

Mayor Danny Said, Mr Jimmy Hope, Ms Bronwyn Englaro

3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Matson informed the Committee that he would not participate in any discussion or voting with regard to item 5.12 as one of the locations listed for discussion was immediately adjacent to his own residential dwelling.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the declaration made by Councillor Matson be noted.

4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

4.1. Bream Street safety concerns

Lee Roberts, from BIKEast, mentioned that he had raised, at the May 2020 meeting, the safety concerns at the eastern end of the Bream Street contraflow lane. Mr Roberts explained that some vehicles, turning from Beach Street, were sweeping across the end of the contraflow line. He acknowledged that at the last meeting it was agreed to pause action for six months, so that motorists could get used to the changed traffic conditions. However, he asked that this matter be raised at the November 2020 meeting of this Committee.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the issue of road safety at the western end of the Bream Street contraflow cycle lane be discussed at the November, 2020, meeting of this Committee.

4.2. Correction to BIKEast priority routes

Lee Roberts, from BIKEast, advised that in the May minutes of the Committee it was recorded that BIKEast considered that the Lenthall Street bike route was their "number one priority". Mr Roberts asked that this be corrected as this was not his understanding of the conversation at that time. Mr Lehmann agreed that this component of the minutes from the May 2020 meeting would be corrected.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received and that the corrections requested of the minutes from the May 2020 meeting be made.

5. Items for consideration

5.1. Bicycle initiatives recently implemented

a) O-ring bicycle parking rollout

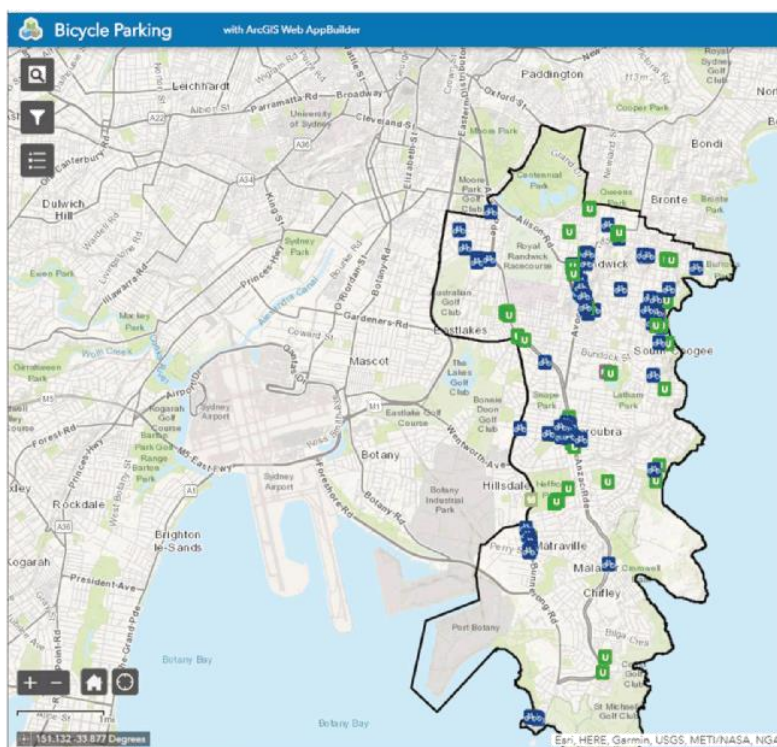
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- Installation occurred in early July 2020.
- O-rings have been installed throughout Randwick, Coogee, and Maroubra (additional details can be accessed through the Council website discussed below).
- Cost: Approximately \$15,000 from cycling facilities budget.

b) Bicycle Parking in Randwick LGA

IBR item 18/17

- Council has created a new webpage with an interactive map for existing bicycle parking in the Randwick LGA.
- The map can be accessed through the link provided ([link](#))



Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.2. Minute-taking Process

BIKEast asked for discussion on this matter.

Meeting Discussion

Members of BIKEast sought clarification on how best to provide feedback with regard to the draft Committee minutes. They also inquired as to the timeliness [or not] of the production of the minutes.

Mr Lehmann informed the Committee members that an email directly to the Council's Integrated Transport Department would suffice with regard to providing feedback on the draft minutes.

He also acknowledged recent delays in the production of the minutes and stated that this would improve.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.3. Update on temporary and permanent cyclewaysIBR Priority Route 1, 3, 5

Progress on plans of funding and implementation regarding temporary (pop-up) and permanent cycleways in the Randwick LGA.

Doncaster Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Circuit, Sturt Street (west) cycleway

In June 2020, the Prime Minister's office and The Office of the Premier of New South Wales announced that the above cycleway would be funded as part of a \$1 billion program to unlock thousands of infrastructure jobs in New South Wales ([link](#)).

Council is currently reviewing the design plans for the Doncaster-Houston Cycleway with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) to seek clarification in regard to the upcoming processes to deliver this cycleway.

High Street, Todman Avenue & Maroubra Road

Council have commenced working with TfNSW on clarifying project definition and delivery with regard to pop-up cycleways along these roads. Consultations between Council and TfNSW are positive at this stage and we are awaiting further announcements.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Lehmann explained to the Committee that the NSW government had announced, on August 19th, that there would be 2 pop up cycleways being implemented within the Randwick LGA. One of these was planned for Todman Avenue and the other was planned for High Street.

Councillor Veitch and BIKEast queried the proposed timing of the pop ups (delivery by March 2021) and highlighted the fact that if these pop ups are in relation to Covid-19, they should be delivered much sooner to provide additional travel options for people during the pandemic. Mr Lehmann said that Council will query this with TfNSW.

Mr Lehmann also advised that the federal and state governments had announced that funding is available for the implementation of the Doncaster Ave / Houston Road cycleway.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.4. CABFAC meeting structure review

In order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CABFAC meetings, BIKEast have requested that items tabled at the committee should focus on larger projects and planning issues.

As a result, BIKEast have recommended establishing a subgroup of CABFAC which would address concerns such as maintenance, cleaning, and safety issues.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Lehmann acknowledged that BIKEast's request for greater clarity about how to handle maintenance items and smaller projects. He stated that many of the smaller items and maintenance items were already listed within the Initiatives For Bicycle Riders (IBR) list. He also advised that matters listed within this IBR were only discussed at the meetings when they were raised by attendees at the meeting.

He undertook, however, to examine the current process with regard to the IBR to see if there was a better method for the management of these smaller items.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.5. Queen's Park Cycleway

IBR 18/40

At the June 2020 Meeting of Randwick Traffic Committee, the TfNSW representative expressed concerns regarding the proposed Queen's Park Cycleway. The issues raised at the meeting were related to:

- Parking changes
- Lane widths
- Kerb ramps
- Changes at signalised intersections, and
- The gradient of the proposed bike path

These issues will be discussed with Waverley Council, TfNSW and Centennial Park Trust. Once the issues have been resolved, a report will come back to this committee.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Lehmann explained that he would be seeking to hold a meeting with the relevant officers from Transport for New South Wales, Waverley Council and 'Centennial Park Trust' in order to resolve the issues raised.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.6. Darley Road/York Road – Slip Lane

IBR 18/13

Council officers are currently exploring various alternatives in regard to the slip lane at the Darley Road / York Road intersection.

Analysis using the SIDRA traffic modelling software has been utilised to assess the suitability of a number of options. Council officers are liaising with TfNSW officers in order to deliver a satisfactory outcome.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Lehmann explained that he had a Transport Engineer currently exploring the opportunities to remove the current slip lane at this intersection. Mr Chilcott, a local resident, suggested that if, for traffic flow reasons, the slip line was not able to be removed, the Council may wish to explore the opportunity for installing a raised pedestrian crossing across the slip lane.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.7. Alison Road / Botany Street intersection

IBR 18/52

This intersection has been discussed at length at previous meetings at this advisory committee. The attendees had indicated to the Council that there was a risk in turning right from Botany Street into Alison Road, from the number 2 (right-hand) lane, because there were regular illegal manoeuvres of motorists turning right from the number 1 (left-hand) lane; resulting in a bicycle vs vehicle conflict.

Accordingly, traffic counts were undertaken in order to ascertain the level of illegal right-turn manoeuvres.

An intersection traffic survey was conducted on Tuesday 23rd and Saturday 27th October 2018 to evaluate the turning movement behaviour at this intersection. A verbal report on the outcome of this traffic survey will be made to the committee at the upcoming meeting.

Notwithstanding the outcomes of the traffic count, it is recommended that the Council approach TfNSW with a request to install dual pedestrian/bicycle lanterns within the two pedestrian facilities crossing Alison Road. Additionally, it is recommended that a small section of shared path be established on the southern side of Alison Road at Botany Street, and also, between the Alison/Botany traffic signals near Church Street.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That:

1. A verbal report on the results of the traffic count be made to the Committee.
2. Council requests that TfNSW to consider the installation of dual pedestrian/bicycle lanterns within the two pedestrian facilities crossing Alison Road, at Church Street, and
3. A small section of shared path be established on the southern side of Alison Road at the Church Street intersection.

Meeting Discussion

The Committee attendees discussed at length the situation at the Alison Road / Botany Street intersection.

Dr Golebiowski and Mr Roberts outlined that the concern of BIKEast was not only about possible illegal right turning movements from the left lane (into Alison Road and then Church Street), but the general design of the intersection and the difficulty for bicycle riders to cross from Botany Street to Church Street safely heading north, as well as coming from Church Street to the south.

Ultimately it was agreed that Council officers would examine the options available to improve safety for north-south bike riders negotiating this intersection.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That Council officers examine the Alison Road / Botany Street intersection with a view to improving safety for bike riders moving in a north-south direction.

5.8. Paine Reserve

A local resident who regularly walks and cycles in the area of Paine Reserve has sought approval to make a small presentation to the committee, detailing her suggestions for local improvements to walking and cycling.

Meeting Discussion

Ms Warton addressed the Committee with regard to her concerns about bike rider facilities along the northern side of Rainbow Street, between Botany Street and Rainbow Street Public School. She suggested that the current wider footpath should be extended from its current termination point, opposite Byrd Avenue, through to the school. Ms Warton also noted the sharp turn from the footpath into the shared path of Paine Reserve at the corner of Botany Street and Rainbow Street. She noted that this turn is difficult for a child to make on a bicycle, and requested whether the corner could be smoothed to allow an easier turning movement for bicycle riders of all ages.

Mr Lehmann explained that he is supportive of this proposal and that would also examine what would be required in order to extend a shared path all the way to Avoca Street.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That plans be prepared detailing a continuation of the existing wide shared path along the northern side of Rainbow Street, east of Botany Street, such that it continues through to the Rainbow Street Public School.

5.9. High Street cycling infrastructure

IBR 19/12, 20/01, Priority Route 5

Given the very challenging characteristics of High Street, it is very difficult to retrofit facilities to the street for bike riders.

Currently, there are no proposals to implement cycling infrastructure along High Street, between Botany Street and Avoca Street.

Notwithstanding the above information, Council is currently working with hospital infrastructure to establish a west-eastbound link through the Prince of Wales Hospital site.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Lehmann explained to the Committee the challenges in providing for bike riders along High Street, between Botany Street and Avoca Street, Randwick. Primarily, he explained, the challenge was the minimal widths available adjacent to the light rail terminus near to Avoca Street.

He explained that he was soon to undertake discussions with Health Infrastructure seeking to explore opportunities for the introduction of better bike routes within the hospital campus.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.10. Shared path at Malabar Rd / Arden St Roundabout

IBR 19/08

The proposal for the shared path on the southern side of Malabar Road / Arden Street has now been approved by the Traffic Committee, for installation.

The first stage of the installation process involves shifting the existing large directional sign, off the proposed shared path. Upon completion of the sign relocation, shared path line marking, and signage will be installed as proposed.

BIKEast have raised concerns about the condition of the driveway leading to the cemetery, at the western end of the shared path. To better understand the concerns which BIKEast has, their representatives will be invited to inform the committee of their concerns.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the BIKEast representatives inform the committee about the details of their concerns at the western end of the Malabar Road Shared Path.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Hua explained to the Committee attendees the details associated with the introduction of a shared path at this location. BIKEast representatives suggested an easing of the existing driveway to the west of the roundabout, in order to make it easier to transition down onto Malabar Road.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.11. Clovelly Road Masterplan

IBR: Priority Route 11

BIKEast have raised concerns regarding Council's Clovelly Road Masterplan in relation to active transport. It was also raised that there are currently no provisions within the Masterplan that addresses cycle access and safety issues.

Clovelly Road varies in width along its length, and whilst there are some locations where cycling facilities could be considered, much of its length is sub-standard, and cannot accommodate for specific cycling facilities.

Detailed measurements and designs would have to be undertaken in order to better understand what these facilities are, if any, and to determine what facilities would be appropriate at different locations along the route.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be noted.

Meeting Discussion

Mr Roberts outlined that BIKEast are concerned that there are no provisions for cycling made in the Clovelly Road Masterplan, despite it being identified as an IBR priority route.

Mr Lehmann explained that, given the variable width of Clovelly Road it was not possible to continue a separated cycleway along its full length. Whilst there were locations where it may be possible to introduce lengths of separated

cycleway, there were also locations where the width, parking conditions and the existence of trees made the introduction of separated facilities for bike riders not possible.

He suggested that the introduction of traffic elements to reduce the speed profile, particularly in the small activity centres along Clovelly Road, may produce a better outcome to ease the concerns of bike riders.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.12. Maintenance

a) Darley Road / Alison Road shared path

IBR 18/33

Council officers have engaged with contractors to peel back the existing asphalt to reveal the encroached tree roots. Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT) will also have their Assets and Arborist team present for assessment and pruning of the tree roots.

The temporary removal of angled parking along the affected areas will be carried out to provide an alternative route for cyclists and pedestrians travelling on north-western side of Darley Road during construction.

b) Anzac Parade and Hincks St line marking

IBR 18/50

TfNSW has been engaged to re-introduce the former line marking arrangement as seen below. This will reduce possible divergence from Anzac Parade onto Hincks Street, assisting cyclists in continuing northbound.



Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

5.13. Review of Initiatives for Bicycle Riders, August 2020 update

Refer to Attachment 1 for the list of 'Initiatives for Bicycle Riders – August 2019 update'.

No matters listed within the IBR were raised by attendees.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the items listed within the IBR are noted.

6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation

6.1. Darley Road / Govett Street, Randwick

Mr Lehmann spoke in detail about the proposed pedestrian refuge at the Darley / Govett intersection. He explained that it would be released for community consultation soon.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

6.2. Rainbow Street / Avoca Street intersection

Ms Warton addressed the Committee with regard to the poor condition and orientation of the dropped kerbs at the north-western corner of this intersection. Mr Lehmann explained that this was an intersection of two State Roads, managed by TfNSW. However, he agreed to discuss possible solutions at this location with the Council's assets team.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

6.3. Budgetary position with regard to facilities for bike riders

BIKEast representatives asked that a clearer understanding of the budget position regarding facilities for bike riders be provided at the next meeting of this Committee. Mr Lehmann agreed to provide this information at the next meeting.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

6.4. Doncaster Road poor surface

Ms Poon raised an issue with divets/ruts in the ground along Doncaster Avenue, Kensington. Ms Poon has previously sent Council an email with photographs. BIKEast is concerned that the road surface is dangerous for bicycle riders and should be investigated before the new cycleway is built.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

6.5. Avoca Street / Anzac Parade poor surface

Councillor Veitch noted that there are a number of potholes on Avoca Street near Anzac Parade, close to Emilio's Pizza.

Recommendation to the Committee:

That the information be received.

Meeting closed 20:27



Initiatives for Bicycle Riders - August 2020 update

This table lists initiatives for bicycle riders within the Randwick Council area. Each item is individually numbered and listed under one of five headings: Priority bicycle routes, Current, Pending, Maintenance or Completed. Recent updates to the document are shown in pink font.

Item	Description	Status	Timing	Funding position
Priority bicycle routes				
Priority Route 1	Anzac Bikeway North (Kingsford to Centennial Park)	This project is on the Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network. Concept design is complete. Community consultation took place 25 May to 2 July 2018. Construction is contingent on future RMS / TfNSW funding. See item 18/01 in the list commencing on the next page. Stage 3 (construction design and tender package) for this project has commenced and is currently being undertaken by external consultant. This task is being funded from the Kensington LATM project allocation.	Report was considered by Council – August 2018 The Council endorsed the project moving to final design and construction.	Design fully funded by RMS / TfNSW. Construction contingent on future RMS / TfNSW funding. Final design funding of northern section is funded and is underway. (see 18/01) Analysis of this route is currently underway in order to assess if this project will be funded.
Priority Route 2	Anzac Bikeway Mid A (Maroubra to Kingsford)	This project is on the NSW Government's Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network, however no advice about timing or funding have been received at this stage. See item 18/05 for detail.	Unknown	No funding allocated at this time
Priority Route 3	Todman Ave and Lenthall St	This project is now on the Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network. Council review of concept plan to be undertaken. See item 18/03 for detail.	Unknown	No funding allocated at this time TfNSW has indicated that this route is a prime candidate for a pop-up cycleway, and they are investigating imminent implementation of such a facility.
Priority Route 4	South Coogee to Kingsford	This project is on the Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network. Consultation is complete. Community consultation took place 29 October to 23 November 2019. Construction is contingent on future RMS / TfNSW funding. See item 18/02 for detail.	Report was considered by Council – June 2019	Design fully funded to Stage 2, by RMS/TfNSW. Final design task and construction is contingent on future RMS/TfNSW funding.
Priority Route 5	Coogee to Randwick and UNSW	This project is on the NSW Government's Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network. No 2019/2020 RMS / TfNSW funds were made available for Anzac Parade to Botany Street. Investigations into possible improvements on High St will be undertaken in late 2019. Negotiation with Health Infrastructure has commenced and continues. See item 18/04 for detail. A consultant's brief is being prepared regarding the possible rapid implementation of a two-way separated cycleway along High Street, from Anzac Parade to Botany Street. The brief will be referred to UNSW and the Australian Turf Club who are major stakeholders / landowners along this part of High Street. Funding for this project will be by local developer (UNSW) contributions.	Investigations on High St - 2019	Funding through the use of developer contributions (UNSW) has been approved for this project. TfNSW has indicated that this route is a prime candidate for a pop-up cycleway, and they are investigating imminent implementation of such a facility.
Priority Route 6	Anzac Bikeway Mid B (La Perouse to Maroubra)	This project is on the NSW Government's Sydney Strategic Cycleway Network. Design and construction is contingent on future RMS / TfNSW funding. Currently no timing.	Unknown	No funding allocated at this time

Item	Description	Status	Timing	Funding position
Priority Route 7	Centennial Park to Gordons Bay	Waverley Council (WC), with the support of Randwick Council (RCC) and Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CP&MPT) is managing the design of a shared path along the southern edge of Queens Park. Community consultation took place in May 2019, and construction drawings are anticipated to be finalised in 2019. See item 18/40 for detail.	Consultation May 2019 (concept design)	Co-funded project (design) (RMS 75%, RCC / WC / CP&MPT - 8.3% each) Construction contingent on future RMS / TfNSW funding.
Priority Route 8	Irvine St, Royal St & Paine St	On road route – the challenging Maroubra Rd/Hinkler intersection is being examined as part of a whole Maroubra Rd study. Bicycle logos and signage, endorsed by the Traffic Committee, have been recently installed, to highlight this route to all road users. Design work has been completed on improvements to the drainage channels at the Irvine / McNair avenues intersection. The estimated cost was more than anticipated and simpler short term improvements will be implemented.	Irvine / McNair intersection 2019-20	No funding allocated at this time
Priority Route 9	Coogee Beach to 'The Spot'	Currently no timing.	Unknown	No funding allocated at this time
Priority Route 10	Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach	At its March, 2020, meeting the Committee was advised that, given the NSW Government's re-shaping of the Walking & Cycling Program towards 'shovel-ready' projects, a submission had been made for the funding of two projects which meet the objectives of Route 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a separated cycleway along the southern side of Fitzgerald Avenue, from Maroubra Beach to Anzac Parade, and the implementation of the missing links for the shared path along the full length of the southern side of Fitzgerald Avenue, from Anzac Parade to Bunnerong Road, together with the introduction of a shared path along the eastern side of Bunnerong Rd, from Fitzgerald Ave to the Wentworth Ave traffic signals. This proposed route has minimal construction design challenges. A great part of it is just the introduction of a wide standard footpath into existing grassed areas. It links two major recreation facilities – Maroubra Beach and Heffron Park, it provides a link from the Maroubra Beach community to their regional shopping centre (Eastgardens) and it provides a link from the very large residential complex ('Pagewood Green' – currently under construction next to Eastgardens) to the beach. Accordingly, a submission has been made to the NSW Government to fund these projects under their Walking & Cycling Program. At its meeting on 24 March 2020, Randwick Council resolved, inter alia, that the introduction of a shared path from Eastgardens to Maroubra Beach (along Bunnerong Road and Fitzgerald Avenue) be endorsed and acknowledged as meeting the objectives of Cycle Route 10.	Unknown	Submission has been made for this project. However, no funding has been allocated at this time RCC awaits feedback from TfNSW with regard to its submission for the introduction of a Fitzgerald Avenue shared path. (Detailed plans of these proposed path have been prepared by the Council in order to be prepared if funding is announced)
Priority Route 11	Clovelly Road	Council is preparing a masterplan and streetscape concepts for Clovelly Road to guide the future vision for the precinct and improve the liveability and vitality of this area. Community consultation was undertaken in March 2019. Feedback was used to help develop a draft masterplan, which was put on public exhibition in late 2019. Council is now reviewing feedback on the masterplan. Note that this masterplan process has revealed that for most of its length Clovelly Road is not of a sufficient width to accommodate a separated cycleway; unless trees are removed, or parking is removed along one side of Clovelly Road.	Masterplan consultation - October 2019.	Approx. \$40,000 for the study
Current items				
18/01	Design of separated cycleway from Kingsford to Centennial Park	Identified by RMS / TfNSW as a fully funded Sydney Strategic Bike Route. Adopted by Randwick Council (2015) as our no.1 priority bike route.	Consultation report considered by Council – August 2018	Concept design and construction drawings - \$475,000

Item	Description	Status	Timing	Funding position
	(via Doncaster & Houston)	<p>RMS / TfNSW has made available \$475,000 in funds for the detailed design of this project. Concept design is complete. Community consultation took place from 25 May to 2 July 2018. A report summarising community feedback was considered in August 2018 by Council. The Council endorsed the project moving to final design and construction.</p> <p>Finalised construction drawings and construction require additional RMS / TfNSW funding or funding from Council's Bicycle Route Construction allocation (section by section).</p> <p>(Commencement of construction will be contingent on RMS / TfNSW approval and RMS / TfNSW funding.)</p> <p>Stage 3 (construction design & tender package) of the northern part of this project has commenced.</p> <p>Recent announcements from the office of the Prime Minister and the office of the New South Wales Premier, indicate the possible allocation of a significant level of funding in order to deliver this total project.</p> <p>The final decision on the allocation of funds relies on an analysis by the federal government of the project. This analysis is underway and, at this stage, is looking promising.</p>	Final design and construction contingent on RMS / TfNSW funding.	<p>(Final construction costs will be dependent on design outcomes)</p> <p>The design task for the northern part of this route is being funded from the Kensington LATM project allocation.</p>
18/02	Design of separated cycleway from South Coogee to Kingsford (via Sturt & Bundock)	<p>Identified by RMS / TfNSW as a fully funded Sydney Strategic Bike Route. Adopted by Randwick Council (2015) as our no.4 priority bike route.</p> <p>RMS / TfNSW has made available \$375,000 in funds for the detailed design of this project. Concept designs for the community consultation were completed.</p> <p>Following on from a Council resolution (December 2018) a report examining alternate route options was tabled at the April 2019 Council meeting, and endorsed with amendments.</p> <p>A revised concept design was tabled at the June 2019 Council meeting and endorsed.</p> <p>Finalised construction drawings and construction require additional RMS / TfNSW funding.</p>	<p>Reported to Council first half 2019.</p> <p>Final design and construction contingent on RMS / TfNSW funding</p>	<p>Concept design and construction drawings - \$375,000 (Fully funded by RMS / TfNSW).</p> <p>(Final construction costs will be dependent on design outcomes)</p>
18/03	Design of separated cycleway along Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street, Kensington	<p>Adopted by Randwick Council (2015) as our no.3 priority bike route. Lenthall St meets with City of Sydney's Epsom Road cycleway, which is currently under construction.</p> <p>RMS / TfNSW and Council co-funded a concept design in 2017 which needs to be reviewed in detail.</p> <p>Following the Council resolution on the matter the Council has written to the State Government asking that it strongly consider placing the Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street routes on the Sydney Strategic Bicycle Network.</p> <p>This route is now identified as a Sydney Strategic Bike Route.</p> <p>Cycling improvements along part of Todman Ave are included in the K2K contributions plan. (Project scope and construction timing is unknown. It's contingent on RMS / TfNSW approval and funding)</p>	Council review of concept plan to be undertaken	<p>Future Council / RMS / TfNSW funding is required to finalise detailed construction plans.</p> <p>Approx. funds required for detailed construction drawings - \$400,000.</p> <p>TfNSW has indicated that this route is a prime candidate for a pop-up cycleway, and they are investigating imminent implementation of such a facility.</p>
18/04	Design of separated cycleway from Coogee Beach to UNSW & Day Avenue, Kensington	<p>Identified by RMS / TfNSW as a fully funded Sydney Strategic Bike Route. Adopted by Randwick Council (2015) as our no.5 priority bike route</p> <p>RMS / TfNSW and Council co-funded a concept design of part of the route (Coogee-Randwick) in 2017 which needs to be reviewed in detail.</p> <p>RMS / TfNSW subsequently made funds available for construction drawings within 2017/2018. However, given the design impacts and timings of both the light rail project and the master planning of the hospitals' campuses this project was deferred. Negotiation with Health Infrastructure has commenced and continues. Also, the funds allocated to this project were required to be reallocated to meet the full design costs for projects 18/01 and 18/02.</p>	Council review of concept plan to be undertaken.	<p>Approx. RMS / TfNSW funds required for detailed construction drawings - \$650,000.</p> <p>In order to get an earlier outcome, a lower cost, minimal intervention project is being considered, with the Council allocating design funding (\$700k) in the 20/21</p>

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		Council submitted a funding application to RMS / TfNSW for design of cycleway along Anzac Pde, between Day Ave and Doncaster Ave, and along High St from Anzac Pde to Botany St. No application was made for the Coogee Beach to Avoca St part of the route. It should be noted that following Council negotiations with the light rail project, a full width path has now been constructed between Doncaster Ave and High St. Its designation as a shared path was endorsed by the Traffic Committee at the August 2019 meeting. See also 19/12.		year; from the UNSW precinct developer (\$7.11) contributions available. TfNSW has indicated that this route is a prime candidate for a pop-up cycleway, and they are investigating imminent implementation of such a facility.
18/05	Design of separated paths walkway / cycleway along the Anzac Parade central median (from Maroubra Junction to Kingsford)	Identified by RMS / TfNSW as a fully funded Sydney Strategic Route. Adopted by Randwick Council (2015) as our no.2 priority bike route. Council is to consider its position regarding the alignment of the proposed light rail extension as this will inform the design of the proposed paths. Construction timing is unknown. It's contingent on RMS / TfNSW approval and funding.	Unknown	Approx. funds required for detailed design - \$500,000.
18/08	Line marking renewal Todman Ave	Edge line re-marking and new bike logos are required - along with a minor redesign. Council officers are working on the redesign. Revised plans will be tabled once finalised. A design consultant has been contracted to undertake the line marking redesign of Todman Avenue from Kensington Road to South Dowling Street.	Details on timing will be provided at the meeting.	Approx. \$65,000 - from Roads Budget - Lines & Signs.
18/13	Removal of slip lane from Darley Road left into York Road - to improve access to Centennial Park	This slip lane sits partially within Randwick Council area and partially within Waverley Council area. Any changes here will require WCC endorsement. Council arranged an intersection analysis of this site. The report showed the removal of the slip lane would result in sizeable traffic delays surrounding the intersection. Council officers sent data and analysis to RMS / TfNSW to facilitate discussion regarding improving safety for people walking and cycling at this intersection. The RMS / TfNSW advised that this proposal would reduce the level of service of the intersection, likely necessitating possible right turn ban/s. Depending on available budget, Council will undertake a more detailed traffic analysis.	2020	Cost of SIDRA Intersection analysis is \$6,980 - with 50% funding being provided by WCC. Therefore the cost against current RCC Bike Budget is \$3,490.
18/16	Additional 'u-rack' bicycle parking	We are investigating installation of new u-racks in a number of locations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> La Perouse, opposite the cafes. This may require a concrete pad to be installed. Coogee Beach The Spot Maroubra Malabar Heffron Park South Maroubra beach Council officers have investigated potential u-rack locations at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spot Maroubra La Perouse Currently in the drafting stage and upon completion, an RFQ will be obtained from suppliers. Site surveys are currently being conducted to determine suitable locations for 'u-rack' bicycle parking.	2019/20	Approx. \$10,000 from RCC Bike Budget

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18/17	Additional 'o-ring' bicycle parking	<p>We are investigating installation of new o-rings across Council, in places such as.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spot • Maroubra • Randwick (Belmore Rd) • Heffron Park • South Maroubra beach <p>As part of the Coogee Bay Road Upgrade works, currently underway, 19 o-rings will be placed either on bollards or street poles, in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 near Alfreda Lane. • 4 near Coogee Bay Hotel, on Arden St. • 3 between Arden and Vicar. • 7 near intersection of Vicar and Coogee Bay Rd. • 1 between Vicar and Brook. • 2 near intersection of Brook and Coogee Bay Rd. <p>Council will accept detailed submissions from the public suggesting appropriate bike ring locations.</p> <p>Council officers have engaged contractors to install 'o-ring' bicycle parking at the following locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coogee • Randwick • Maroubra <p>A total of 41 'o-rings' have been installed throughout these locations.</p>	2020	Approx. \$10,000 from RCC Bike Budget
18/18	Cycling related provisions of draft Eastern District Plan	<p>Council officers continue to work on strategic transport issues.</p> <p>Council continues to work with Transport for NSW on the South East Sydney Transport Strategy, and relevant information will be made available when appropriate.</p> <p>Council continues to work with the Greater Sydney Commission in partnership with other key stakeholders in the Randwick Collaboration Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Collaboration Areas across Sydney • Randwick Collaboration Area Place Strategy (8 MB) (pdf) 		
18/26	Shared path at Govett St Gates, Centennial Park (north side of Darley Rd, Randwick)	<p>Council officers met with CP&MPT representatives to discuss this matter, and subsequently discussed the project internally. Further evaluation of the cobblestone was undertaken. Signage identifying the area as a shared zone will be erected.</p> <p>Council officers have recognised the need for improvements to the existing pedestrian refuge to more safely accommodate people walking, cycling and driving in this location. Improvements to the signs and cobblestones at the Govett St gate will be incorporated into this project.</p> <p>Re-design has been allocated to consultant designers – design work is underway.</p>	2019/20	
18/28	Installation of additional bike parking at The Spot	<p>Site audit with RCC staff and BIKEast was conducted 4 May 2018. Locations for additional o-rings and u-racks have been identified by council officers, and will be installed at this location in the next roll-out.</p>	Early 2021	

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		<p>Council met with Randwick Ritz management, who expressed a preference to keep the current parking arrangement on the north side of St Pauls St. Council is investigating parking space on the south side of St Pauls St, opposite the cinema.</p> <p>It is proposed to install a 'bike corral' in the most westerly parking space on the south side of St Pauls St just east of Perouse Rd, for a period of 6 months. The usage and acceptance of this facility would be assessed over the 6 month period.</p> <p>This proposal was included in the October 2019 Traffic Committee. It was agreed at the meeting that Council and RMS / TfNSW officers would further discuss the proposal. TfNSW / RMS officers have provided general requirements for the establishment of bicycle parking corrals.</p>		
18/35	Shared path on Alison Rd (south side, Doncaster Ave to Darley Rd)	To assess the possibility of a shared path at this location, Council officers will further investigate the site. Also refer to 18/23.	2020	
18/37	Day Ave improvements	<p>It has been requested that Council investigate bike/car conflicting traffic movements exiting UNSW into Day Ave, Kensington.</p> <p>Council officers are exploring options to mark the road space more clearly. Council is also investigating conflicting shared path signs near corner of Anzac Pde.</p> <p>A proposal for additional line marking and flexible bollards was endorsed at the August 2019 Traffic Committee meeting.</p> <p>Also refer to 18/01.</p>	2020	
18/38	Bollards	<p>Council is asking the community to nominate locations where they consider bollards to be problematic. The data gathered will be collated and staff will undertake a program of investigating each site. Over time this will address each "problematic" bollard.</p> <p>Residents, or others, can access the "Bad Bollards" website at this address http://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/BadBollards and can 'drop a pin' on a map of Randwick at the site of a problematic bollard.</p> <p>One problematic set of bollards was identified outside 61 Military Rd, Matraville, and has been removed. Additional bollards nearby, on the shared path on the south side of Military Rd have been replaced.</p> <p>Forty-eight locations have been identified and council officers have commenced an assessment of these locations. A full report on the outcomes of these assessments will be reported to a future Cycle Committee meeting.</p>	2019	
18/40	Design of cycleway facility – Darley Rd, Queens Park	<p>Waverley Council (WC), with the support of Randwick Council (RCC) and Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CP&MPT) is managing the concept design of a shared path along the southern edge of Queens Park.</p> <p>Concept designs are complete. Community consultation took place in May 2019, and construction drawings are anticipated to be finalised in late 2019.</p>	Late 2019 (construction drawings)	Co funded design project (RMS 75%, RCC / WC / CP&MPT - 8.3% each). However, it is understood that this link is now on the Sydney Strategic Network and that no funding is required from Randwick Council for construction.
18/47	Maroubra Rd improvements	The Council has resolved that a Maroubra Road Masterplan will be undertaken and reported to the Council by February 2021.	2020/2021	TfNSW is examining the possibility of introducing a pop-up cycleway along the full length of Maroubra Road.
18/52	Intersection of Alison and Botany St, Randwick	Council officers are investigating traffic movements at this intersection to assess the safety issues raised. Road lane markings and sections of shared path have been discussed in the Committee.	2020	

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		Counts have been received, and officers have reviewed the data. Very few vehicle movements turned right onto Alison Rd illegally from the left lane of Botany St. A small percentage turn right and immediately left into Church St.		
18/55	Cobble stone entrances to Centennial Park	Council agreed to examine the performance of the cobble stone entrances to Centennial Park from the perspective of mobility guidelines. Feedback was provided that they are uneven and slippery in adverse weather. It has been realised that the usual 'anti-skid' treatments are not able to be utilised on cobblestones. Council has inspected the site and will present a concept design to a future committee meeting. Also refer to 18/26	2019-20	
18/56	Cycling map	Council officers acknowledge that amendments are required to the 2010 Cycling and Walking map. It is proposed to send a draft to the committee / BIKEast for review. Please note that officers will seek corrections / amendments to current routes, and not additional routes or details on the reverse side. Comments will be considered and incorporated into an updated map, which will be put on Council's website, and printed.	2020	
19/03 Feb 2019	Fence between Hospital Rd and Hay St, Randwick	Council officers have contacted Hospital representatives about issues of access and safety between Hospital Rd and Hay St in Randwick.	2020	
19/04 Feb 2019	Inappropriate landscaping on Alison Rd shared path	Council officers wrote to TfNSW about the issue of plants intruding into the shared path corridor with Transport for NSW.	August 2019	
19/06 May 2019	Light rail shared path crossings (signal timing / phasing)	Council officers will continue to meet with TfNSW about issues relating to light rail construction, signal phasing and end state conditions.		
19/07 May 2019	Bike logos on Dolphin St	Bicycle logos will be added to Dolphin St.	2020	
19/08 Aug 2019	Shared path on Malabar Rd (south side, near Arden St)	Shared path signs and lines are needed to formally accommodate bike riders bypassing the roundabout at Arden St. Part of the work requires repositioning the support for green RMS / TfNSW sign. This item was reported to the November 2019 & February 2020 Traffic Committee meeting. It was decided that a detailed concept design and risk assessment needs to be submitted to RMS / TfNSW. The item has been approved by traffic committee in the July 2020 meeting. Council is currently engaging with contractors to relocate the wayfinding sign. Upon completion of this, signs and lines will be installed.	2020	
19/09 Aug 2019	Pedestrian refuge relocation near Govett St gates	In combination with items 18/26 and 18/55, Council officers will present a design to a future Committee meeting, that improves access and safety at the Govett St entrance to Centennial Park. A detailed design is being developed by Council's Capital Works engineer and it is anticipated that the design will be implemented in 2020/21	2020/21	
19/10 Aug 2019	Light rail shared path access (near High St, Arthur St and Wansey Rd)	Council officers will continue to meet with TfNSW and UNSW about issues relating to light rail operations, signal phasing, shared paths and end state conditions.		
19/12 Aug 2019	Shared path on High St (between Wansey Rd and Botany St)	A proposal for a shared path on the south side of High St between Wansey Rd and Botany St was reported at the October 2019 Traffic Committee, Item 4.7. Following feedback from UNSW, it was agreed that this matter be deferred, pending resolution of legal status of the High St pathway.	2020	

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19/13 Aug 2019	Cycling instruction courses	Council is investigating options to offer cycling instruction courses in addition to the bike maintenance courses.	2020	
19/16 Nov 2019	Anzac Parade at Maroubra Junction	RMS / TfNSW <u>pedestrian safety measures</u> on Anzac Parade, Maroubra, outside Pacific Square. Consultation took place in July 2019. The proposal would impact cycling amenity and access to Pacific Square. Council officers wrote to the RMS / TfNSW for further clarification.		
19/17 Nov 2019	Bicycle access on Anzac Pde (between High St and Day Ave)	Council will assess bicycle access along Anzac Parade once the light rail project is complete.		
19/18 Nov 2019	Light rail signal phasing (at Alison Rd and Darley Rd intersection)	Council officers will continue to meet with TfNSW and UNSW about issues relating to light rail operations, signal phasing, shared paths and end state conditions.		
19/19 Nov 2019	Driveway lip / kerb design	To be discussed at a future Cycleways Committee meeting		
20/01 Mar 2020	Shared path; west side of Botany Street, from High Street to Oval Ln	Council has been advised that the footpath on the western side of Botany Street between High Street and Oval Lane is in poor condition. The footpath is currently not on the 2020-21 Footpath Capital Works Program. However, it is proposed to reconstruct this footpath with developer (UNSW) contribution funds in 2020/2021. The re-design will incorporate a shared path.	2020/2021	
20/02 Mar 2020	Prince of Wales Hospital Access	Discussed at the March 2020 Cycleways Committee Meeting It was noted that Health NSW have different views regarding modification of the boom gate from Nurse Drive to Avoca Street / St Pauls Street	2020	
20/03 Mar 2020	Integrated Transport Study	Community consultation has been undertaken. Their concerns and challenges are currently under review by Council's Integrated Transport Team	2020/21	
Pending items				
18/10	Line marking adjustment at Anzac Pde / Doncaster Ave, intersection	All line marking at this intersection will be adjusted as part of the light rail project. This location will be monitored by Council.	Early 2020	
18/19	High standard bi-directional cycleways be designed and provided, connecting Randwick city centre with Maroubra Junction, Centennial Park and UNSW	The Council adopted its priorities for bike routes following community consultation in 2015. A Centennial Park / Bondi Junction to Randwick route and a Randwick to Maroubra Junction have previously been identified by the Council / community - however, they were not given a priority ranking by the community within the 2015 review (refer to RCC bicycle route construction priorities). It is likely that we would undertake a review of our bike route priorities in, say, 2020 and that these routes could again be considered by the community, amongst the existing higher priority routes. The community review of the priorities for cycleway implementation will be held following finalisation of the Randwick Transport Strategy.	2020	
Maintenance matters				
18/32	Update line marking along Sturt St, Kingsford	Council is investigating line marking improvements on Sturt St between Avoca St and Anzac Parade, Kingsford. Work instructions have been sent. Completed in part.	2019	

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18/33	Tree roots impacting shared path, Darley Rd (between Alison Rd and Randwick gates)	Discussions with Centennial Park will be undertaken. Tree root investigation is necessary to understand the root structure. Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT) have addressed the encroachment of the tree roots and have offered to prune the tree roots. Council staff are currently organizing footpath rehabilitation measures with CPMPT. <i>Council have engaged with subcontractors and CPMPT to reconstruct the footpath. It is estimated that this issue will be rectified in 2020.</i>	2020	Unknown
18/42	Malabar Rd pinch point	A design will be drafted to address the pinch point near Nymboida St.	2020	
18/44	Darley Rd line marking (between Market St and Carrington Rd)	Line marking maintenance is required on Darley Road, between Market Street and Carrington Road, beside Queens Park. Council is investigating the possibility of a wider traffic lane in the uphill direction.	2020	
18/49	Doncaster Ave and Carlton St intersection	Concerns were raised regarding safety and contradictory signage issues. Council is investigating improvements for people walking and cycling at this location. The proposed changes to the marking and intersection was tabled at the June 2019 Traffic Committee Meeting, and work instructions have been sent.	Early 2020	
18/50	Anzac Pde and Hincks St line marking	Concerns were raised about line marking after latest resurfacing. Council has investigated the traffic lane issues and will contact RMS / TfNSW to improve the line marking for people riding bikes. <i>TfNSW have been contacted to reinstate the previous give-way line marking.</i>	2019	
18/51	Uneven road surface on Doncaster Ave (outside #93)	Concerns were raised about the uneven road surface. Council Roads team has addressed the issue. Council will reinstate previous bicycle symbols. Work instructions have been sent to reinstate the line marking.	Mid 2019	
18/53	Poor ramp edge, McNair & Byrd Ave, Kingsford	Concerns were raised about the rough kerb lip. Council officers investigated engineering requirements to address the issue. Designs have been finalised, however the estimated cost was more than anticipated and simpler short term improvements will be implemented.	Early 2020	
18/54	Belmore Rd upgrade	This project is being completed in stages. Stage 2 is planned to commence in March 2019. Heavy patching work was recently undertaken on the west side of Belmore Rd, just south of Arthur Street. Belmore Road (near High Cross Park) between Avoca Street and Perouse / Coogee Bay Road is proposed in the 20/21 capital works program for roads.	<i>2020/21</i>	
19/01 Feb 2019	Darley Rd shared path line marking and reflective material	Visibility issues have been raised in regard to kerb ramps and electric light poles along the shared path. Council officers will investigate and address this issue.	<i>Early 2020</i>	
Completed items				
18/46	Contraflow on Bream St, Coogee	Following Item 4.12.e. from the May 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, a proposal to implement a contraflow bicycle facility on Bream St, Coogee was reported to the August 2018 Traffic Committee (Item 4.1). Line marking was completed on the 8th May 2020.	2020 (15 th May 2020)	18/46

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		It was reported that a large majority of motorists are crossing the BB lines on Beach Street onto the contraflow lane. Therefore, Council has proposed in traffic committee that one parking space, west of Beach Street be removed to allow for a wider turning movement.		
18/21	Improving bicycle crossing facilities at Church and Cowper St roundabout	<p>Traffic counts were undertaken at this intersection. After further investigations, additional bicycle symbols on Church St, on the south bound approach to Cowper St were installed.</p> <p>Bicycle counts were conducted in September 2018. Further bicycle counts were conducted in March 2019, as the shared path on Alison Rd and Wansey Rd is now open. Council officers will review the counts.</p> <p>Note however, that a recent Randwick Precinct Resolution requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that traffic counts be undertaken at all approaches to this intersection and compared to those counts taken before the roundabout was installed; that pedestrian safety crossing Church Street (north and south of Cowper St), be considered; and <p>prior to any amendments for cyclists are made, Council consider where similar roundabouts (with nearby bus stops and pedestrian crossings) have been modified for cyclists.</p>	2020	18/21
18/23	Shared path on Anzac Pde (east side, Doncaster Ave to High St)	<p>Council officers met with representatives of Australian Turf Club (ATC) and discussed the proposed cycleways and the possibility of utilising Alison Rd as a shared path (between Doncaster Ave and Darley Rd). Future meetings are planned and the proposed shared path along Anzac Pde will be discussed.</p> <p>Following recent negotiations between Council officers and representatives of the light rail project a much wider footpath has been installed on the eastern side of Anzac Pde between Doncaster Ave and High St.</p> <p>Shared path lines & signs were approved by the Traffic Committee & have now been installed.</p>	January 2020	Through careful negotiation this facility was constructed at no cost to the Council.
19/14 Nov 2019	Eco Living Expo	Event was held on Sunday 22 September 2019.		
19/15 Nov 2019	Heffron Easy Ride	Event was held on Sunday 3 November 2019.		
19/11 Aug 2019	RMS / TfNSW light rail / bicycle warning sign	This matter was discussed at the August 2019 Cycleways Committee meeting.		
19/02 Feb 2019 Feb 2020	Bus slip lane between King St and Alison Rd	<p>Council has raised the issues of conflicting right of way and road user safety with Transport for NSW, and several changes have been made.</p> <p>Further to this, Traffic Committee recently approved additional changes. A green bicycle lane across the intersection (westbound) has been marked and the Give Way control has been replaced with a Stop control.</p>	2019	
18/41	Malabar Rd line marking	Work instructions have been sent to update the line marking along relevant parts of Malabar Rd, South Coogee.	Feb/March 2019	
19/05 Feb 2019	Conflicting traffic movements at intersection of Houston Rd and Gardeners Rd	Council officers have contacted the local police representative to notify them of the safety issues and illegal behaviour at this intersection.	May 2019.	
18/36	Shared path on Alison Rd (north side, Anzac Pde to Doncaster Ave)	The location of the street sign poles is an issue for shared path access. Following consideration of this matter at the May 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting the Council wrote to Transport for NSW.	Feb 2019	

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		<p>Council has contacted Transport for NSW to ask about timing of installation of lighting along the shared path. They advised the lighting at the following locations is permanent and reflects operational arrangements on Alison Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between Anzac Parade and Darley Road since 6 February 2019 Between Darley Road and Wansey Road since March 2018. <p>The temporary lighting has been progressively removed as the permanent lighting has been activated. The street lights located on Alison Road are designed to provide light to the shared path.</p>		
18/39	Bicycle wayfinding strategy	Council has received part funding from RMS / TfNSW. Work is complete and was reported to the August 2019 Bicycle Committee meeting.	June 2019	Co funded project (RMS / TfNSW 75%, RCC 25%)
18/25	Pram ramp & shared path King Street (between King St and Darley Rd, Randwick)	<p>It is considered that having the path too wide would result in use by motorists (car drivers and motorcyclists) and could possibly result in higher speed cyclist approach to the traffic signals. These aspects would put at risk other bike riders and nearby pedestrians.</p> <p>The path was opened to the public in October 2018, and no adverse interactions between bike riders have been observed. Also, no use of the kerb ramp by motor vehicles has been observed. The ramp measures 1320mm and the width of the trishaw is 1060mm. Council therefore recognises that although they are similar widths, the ramp accommodates wide bicycles, prams and wheelchairs.</p>		
18/06	Darley Rd at Clovelly Rd - wide pedestrian refuge	<p>Designs will be completed by mid-2018.</p> <p>Draft design was included in the August 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting. The detailed design was approved for construction by Traffic Committee in February 2019.</p> <p>Construction completed July 2019.</p>	June – August 2019	\$31,000
18/24	Standards for shared path and cycle path widths	<p>Council officers have reviewed documents referencing dimensions used within different states, and have contacted RMS / TfNSW to revise their standards.</p> <p>RMS / TfNSW advised that they have adopted the Australian Standards and Austroads Guides as its primary technical reference material. If they have good reason to deviate from the standards or guides (e.g. better safety outcome or our legislation doesn't support the use of a sign, etc) or they want to provide commentary on certain practices, that information will be included in the relevant RMS / TfNSW supplement/s. RMS / TfNSW no longer develops separate manuals that duplicate information in the standards and guides.</p>	Feb 2019	
18/48	UNSW Gate 4 (Fig Tree Lane) on High St	<p>Council officers investigated the site regarding concerns raised about safety issues (sight lines and kerbs).</p> <p>A no stopping restriction was approved through the Traffic Committee processes. Work instructions have been sent, and the sign is now installed.</p>	Feb/March 2019	
18/45	Bicycle symbols on Fern St	<p>Following Item 4.4 from the May 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting, a proposal to mark bicycle logos on Fern St Randwick was reported to the August 2018 Traffic Committee (Item 4.3). A service request was submitted November 2018, and the symbols are now in place.</p>	Dec/Jan 2018/19	
18/43	Road surface maintenance on Oberon St, near Prouse Rd	A site inspection was undertaken to assess the issue, and no further work is currently required.	Aug/Sept 2018	
18/34	Shared path surface, Darley Rd (between Alison Rd & York Rd)	<p>With works team for completion.</p> <p>Works instruction to be sent for additional locations.</p>	2018/19	Unknown

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18/31	Updating bicycle road markings along Light Rail detour route	Council has requested TfNSW remark the existing bicycle symbols. Following consideration of this matter at the May 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting the Council wrote to Transport for NSW.	May/June 2018	Light rail project funding
19/30	Pruning Oxford St cycleway and footpath, (Centennial Park near Reservoir)	The required detailed location information has been received from BIKEast. The trees at this location are managed by Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, and has been forwarded to them to address.	June/July 2018	
18/29	Pruning on Darley Rd shared path (between Randwick gates and Musgrave Ave gates)	The required detailed location information has been received from BIKEast. The trees at this location are managed by Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, and has been forwarded to them to address.	June 2018	
18/27	Bicycle parking guidelines / technical direction	Council has prepared a technical direction to assist staff and contractors with the installation of bicycle parking facilities. Complete. See August 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee agenda – Attachment 2.	Mid-2018	
18/22	Bollards in Pioneer Park shared path, Malabar	Integrated Transport officers worked with Open Space Team to fully understand how the area is used. The Open Space Team assessed removal of the 8 'in path' bollards from the Anzac Parade shared path alongside Pioneers Park from an operational perspective. They saw no issues with the proposed removal and have completed this work.	June/July 2018	Open Space budget Approx. \$500
18/20	Pruning along Doncaster Ave, Kensington	Completed	May 2018	\$13,000
18/07	Installation of o-ring bike racks	Contractor was engaged and 57 o-rings were installed.	April 2018	\$21,000
18/11	Line marking – Fitzgerald Ave	Improved line marking was approved by Traffic Committee and has been installed. Project completed.	2018/2019	\$23,000
18/09	Line marking renewal Doncaster Ave	Edge line re-marking and new bike logos was required. Project completed.	June 2018	Approx. \$10,000.
18/12	Alison Road shared path plans and designs	Concerns about the width of the shared path were regularly raised by Council in previous planning meetings with TfNSW. The paths which have been constructed meet the minimum standards. There is little scope to now widen the paths.		TfNSW (no council cost).
18/14	Bicycle symbols – Mount St between Coogee Bay Rd and Carr St	Completed		
18/15	Ramp on Combes Pde / Menin St, Matraville	Completed.		

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO62/20

Subject: Privacy Management Plan

Executive Summary

- The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (the “PPIPA”) requires all councils to prepare a Privacy Management Plan outlining their policies and practices to ensure compliance with the requirements of that Act and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (the HRIPA).
- The object of Council’s Privacy Management Plan is to inform:
 - The community about how their personal information will be used, stored and accessed after it is collected by the Council; and
 - Council staff of their obligations in relation to handling personal information and when they can and cannot disclose, use or collect it.
- Council’s Privacy Management Plan has been updated to reflect the NSW Information and Privacy Commission’s September 2019 checklist.

Recommendation

That the amended Privacy Management Plan be adopted and a copy be provided to the NSW Information and Privacy Commission.

Attachment/s:

1.  Privacy Management Plan - Dec 2020

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Purpose

To update Council's Privacy Management Plan and bring it in line with the NSW Information and Privacy Commission's (IPC's) checklist – September 2019.

Discussion

Council's current Privacy Management Plan was adopted in 2013 and reflects the Office of Local Government's 'Model Privacy Management Plan for Local Government – January 2013'. The plan is overly detailed and complex and not user friendly and, as such, has been updated to reflect the more contemporary 2019 checklist developed by the IPC. The IPC checklist does not prescribe the structure and format a plan should follow. Rather, it is a tool for Council to assess the content of its plan once it has been prepared. The NSW Privacy Commissioner also uses this checklist to assess the quality of agency plans that it receives.

Randwick City Council has had a Privacy Management Plan in place since 1998. This plan has been revised and reviewed a number of times since then. The plan has not been significantly changed since 2013, when it was brought in line with the Office of Local Government's Model Privacy Management Plan for Local Government.

The current amendment to our Privacy Management Plan is still 'based' on the Model Plan but is much more user friendly and far less complicated than the Model Plan. Given that one of the main purposes of the plan is to inform the community about how Council uses, stores and accesses their personal information, the documents needs to be in a format that is usable by residents who are not necessarily experts in the field.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	1. Leadership in sustainability
Direction	1c. Continuous improvement in service delivery based on accountability, transparency and good governance.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Online Privacy training has recently been delivered to over 300 staff in the organisation.

Policy and legislative requirements

Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
 Privacy Management Plan
 Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government – December 2019.

Conclusion

Councils Privacy Management Plan has been updated to reflect the NSW IPC's checklist. Councils are required to provide a copy of their updated Privacy Management Plan to the IPC as soon as practicable after adoption.

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Preface

The Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA) requires all councils to prepare a Privacy Management Plan outlining their policies and practices to ensure compliance with the requirements of that Act and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (HRIPIA).

In particular, the object of this plan is to inform:

- the community about how their personal information will be used, stored and accessed after it is collected by the Council; and
- Council staff of their obligations in relation to handling personal information and when they can and cannot disclose, use or collect it.

1. Introduction

The PPIPA provides for the protection of personal information and for the protection of the privacy of individuals.

Why Council has a Privacy Management Plan

This Plan explains how Council manages personal information in line with the PPIPA and health information in accordance with the HRIPIA. This Plan also explains how to contact Council about the personal and health information it holds, how information can be accessed and amended and how privacy complaints are handled.

What this plan covers

In accordance with section 33(2) of the PPIPA this Plan must include:

- information about Council's policies and practices to ensure compliance with the PPIPA and the HRIPIA;
- how employees, contractors and volunteers are made aware of these policies and practices;
- the procedures for internal review of privacy complaints;
- other matters considered relevant to the privacy and protection of personal information that Council holds.

The PPIPA, the HRIPIA and this Plan apply, wherever practicable, to:

- Councillors;
- Council employees;
- Consultants and contractors of the Council;
- Council owned businesses; and
- Council committees (including community members of those committees which may be established under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the LGA)).

Any reference to employees in this document also includes a reference to contractors and volunteers.

2. What is personal and health information

2.1. What is "personal information"?

Personal information is defined in section 4 of the PPIPA as information or an opinion about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained.

2.2. What is not “personal information”?

Personal information does not include information:

- about an individual that is contained in a publicly available publication
- about someone who has been dead for more than 30 years, or
- an opinion about a person’s suitability for employment as a public sector official.

2.3. What is health information

Health information is a more specific type of personal information and is defined in section 6 of the HRIPA. Health information can include information about a person’s physical or mental health such as a psychological report, blood tests and x-rays, results from drug and alcohol tests and information about a person’s medical appointments. It can also include some personal information that is collected to provide a health service, such as a name and telephone number.

2.4. Policy on Electoral Rolls

The Electoral Roll is a publicly available publication. Council will provide open access to the Electoral Roll in Council’s library and will refer any requests for copies of the Electoral Roll to the NSW Electoral Commissioner.

3. How Council collects and manages personal and health information

3.1. How Council collects personal information

Council collects personal information to enable it to conduct its functions and assesses the level of personal information that is appropriate to be collected on a case-by-case basis. In this section a reference to personal information is also a reference to health information.

Contractors acting on Council’s behalf may also collect personal information. Council includes clauses in its contracts that require contractors to comply with relevant privacy obligations.

Council has a range of functions requiring or involving the collection of personal information, including:

- Levying and collecting rates
- Assessing development applications and objections
- Providing services (for example; child care, libraries and waste collection)
- Consulting with the community and our stakeholders
- Investigating and managing complaints
- Enforcing regulations and legislation
- Issuing approvals, consents, licences, permits etc
- Employing staff (for example; recruitment material, leave and payroll data, personal contact information, performance management plans etc).
- Ensuring the security of council facilities and the public domain
- Preventing and deterring criminal activity.

Council may collect personal information in any of the following ways:

- Incident reports
- Medical assessment reports
- Submissions
- Application forms
- CCTV footage
- Geospatial information including location information
- Public registers
- Financial transaction records

- Contracts
- Phone enquiries
- Counter enquiries
- Online services
- In person services that require identification (such as provision of library services).

Individuals may provide Council with personal information when they make application for employment, make enquiries and when Council delivers services to them. This can include names, contact details, opinions, health conditions, family relationships, housing or tenancy information, work and education details. Individuals may also provide Council with personal information about other people.

3.2. Applications for suppression (not public registers)

Under section 739 of the LGA a person can make an application to suppress certain material that is available for public inspection where the material discloses or would disclose the person's place of living, if the person considers that the disclosure would place the personal safety of the person or their family at risk.

Section 739 of the LGA relates to publicly available material other than public registers. As such, it limits disclosure in those circumstances where an application for suppression is successful. An application for suppression must be verified by statutory declaration and otherwise meet the requirements of section 739. When in doubt, Council will err in favour of suppression.

3.3. Unsolicited information

Where an individual or a group or committee not established by Council, gives Council unsolicited personal or health information, the information will still be treated in accordance with this Plan, the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government (the Privacy Code), the HRIPA and the PPIPA.

Note that:

- Section 4(5) of the PPIPA provides that personal information is not "collected" by Council if it is unsolicited.
- for the purposes of Section 10 of the HRIPA, the Council is not considered to have "collected" health information if the receipt of the information by the Council is unsolicited.

3.4. Privacy Notices

Under section 10 of the PPIPA, when Council collects personal information from an individual it must make the individual aware of:

- The purposes for which the information is being collected
- The intended recipients of the information
- Whether the supply of the information is required by law or is voluntary
- Any consequences for the individual if the information (or any part of it) is not provided
- Ways the individual can access and correct the information, and
- The name and address of the agency (Council) that is collecting the information and the agency (Council) that is to hold the information.

A Privacy Notice (that complies with the above requirements) will be included on all Council forms.

For CCTV, Council erects signage in the general vicinity to draw attention to the fact that individuals may be recorded by CCTV equipment should they enter the area.

3.5. Storage, access, accuracy and disposal of personal information

Personal information is stored electronically and in hard copy form. The following applies to personal information that Council holds:

- With the exception of CCTV information, only Council employees can access personal information and the information may only be accessed and used for Council business and for the purpose for which it was collected.

- Employees will make every effort to ensure personal information is accurate before using it.
- CCTV information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies, such as the NSW Police Force, for the purposes of investigating, preventing and deterring criminal activity within the City. Such disclosures may be historic or real-time.

Electronic information is stored in secure information systems, which require individual logins and passwords.

Personal information is disposed of securely and in accordance with the "General retention and disposal authority: local government records" (GA39).

3.6. Use and disclosure of personal information

Employees use the personal information collected by Council to:

- Deliver services
- Conduct research
- Provide advice
- Undertake consultations
- Investigate complaints
- Continually improve services.

Disclosure of personal information must comply with the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government (Privacy Code) – see Appendix B. Employees will not disclose personal information to a third party without the consent of the person to whom the information relates or if legally required or permitted to disclose the information.

Refer to Part 5 of this Plan for details of exemptions, directions and code of practice that may affect the above.

4. Public Registers

The PPIPA governs how Council manages personal information contained in public registers. Under the PPIPA a public register is "a register of personal information that is required by law to be, or is made, publicly available or open to public inspection (whether or not on payment of a fee)."

Disclosure in relation to public registers must comply with Part 6 of the PPIPA and the Privacy Code. Personal information cannot be accessed by a person about another person unless the personal information is contained in a public register. Where personal information is contained in a public register, then Part 6 of the PPIPA applies to determine whether access to that information will be given to another person.

Disclosure in relation to all other personal information must comply with Parts 3.6 and 5.1 of this Plan and the Privacy Code.

The Council holds the following public registers:

Public register	Primary purpose
Land Register	To identify all land vested in Council, or under its control. Secondary purpose; consideration of public accountability as to the land held by Council.
Register of Disclosure of Interests	To determine whether or not a Councillor or a member of a council committee has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is likely to be concerned. There is a corresponding public accountability purpose.
Register of approvals	To identify all approvals granted under the LGA

Public register	Primary purpose
Register of development consents	To identify applications for development consent and other approvals, confirm determinations on appeal and identify applications for complying development certificates.
Record of building certificates	To identify all building certificates.
Public register of licences held	To identify all licences granted under the Act.
Record of impounding	To identify any impounding action by Council.
Register of Planning Agreements	To identify Planning Agreements entered into by Council.
Register of Planning Contributions	To identify Planning Contributions held by Council.

Council may require any person who applies to inspect personal information contained in a public register to give particulars, in the form of a statutory declaration, as to the proposed use of that information. If the stated purpose of the applicant does not conform with the purpose for which the public register is kept, access to the information sought will not be given.

4.1. Applications for suppression in relation to a public register

Any person whose personal information is recorded in a public register has the right to request that their personal details be suppressed. Council will comply with the request if it is satisfied the person's safety or wellbeing would be affected by not suppressing the information. Applications for suppression should be made in writing addressed to the General Manager and must outline the reasons for the request.

5. How to access and amend personal and health information

The PPIPA and HRIPA give people the right to access and amend their own information.

Members of the public wishing to access or amend their own personal information should apply in writing. Requests should be accompanied by appropriate evidence to show that the proposed amendment is factually correct and appropriate. Section 15 of the PPIPA allows a person to apply to amend (this includes by way of corrections, deletions or additions) personal information held about them so as to ensure the information is accurate, up to date and not misleading.

5.1. Limits on disclosure of personal information

Council may disclose personal information to public sector agencies or public utilities on condition that:

- (i) the agency has approached Council in writing;
- (ii) Council is satisfied that the information is to be used by that agency for the proper and lawful function/s of that agency, and
- (iii) Council is satisfied that the personal information is reasonably necessary for the exercise of that agency's function/s.

Council may disclose personal information:

- (i) where personal information which has been collected about an individual is to be disclosed for the purpose of conferring upon that person, an award, prize, benefit or similar form of personal recognition.
- (ii) is requested by a potential employer (to verify that a current or former employee works or has worked for Council, the duration of that work, and the position occupied during that time).

- (iii) to another person or other body where this disclosure is directly related to the purpose for which the personal information was collected and the individual concerned is reasonably likely to have been aware of the intended recipients of that information.
- (iv) to another person or other body where this disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the life or health of the individual concerned or another person.

Disclosure of CCTV footage for crime prevention and investigation

Council may disclose CCTV footage collected by Council in its own facilities and the public domain to law enforcement agencies for the purposes of preventing or investigating criminal activity. The General Manager may enter into agreement with relevant law enforcement agencies to allow disclosure of CCTV footage both historic and real time via a live feed to the relevant agency.

Council will otherwise only disclose CCTV footage where required by law, to protect the rights of all persons captured in the CCTV footage to privacy. Where an individual requests CCTV footage to investigate an alleged criminal activity they will be referred back to the relevant law enforcement agency (typically NSW Police).

6. Data Breaches

6.1. What is a data breach?

A data breach occurs when there is a failure that has caused, or has the potential to cause, unauthorised access to the City's data. Examples include malware, hacking and data theft, accidental loss of a paper record, laptop or USB stick, and emails sent to the wrong recipients if they contained classified material or personal information.

6.2. How does Council manage a data breach of personal information?

Council will firstly need to determine whether personal information has been accessed in order to determine what response should be taken. Council's default position is to voluntarily report data breaches to the Privacy Commissioner. If there are good reasons not to do so these will be recorded in the Council's internal report of the breach.

Council will determine the seriousness of a breach by:

- Considering the type of data held
- Whether personal or health information was disclosed
- The number of individuals affected, and
- The risk of harm that could be caused to both individuals and Council by the breach.

After the seriousness of a breach has been determined, Council will take the following steps to manage data breaches:

Contain – steps will be taken to contain the breach and minimise any resulting damage.

Evaluate – the type of data involved in the breach will be assessed, along with the risk associated with the breach, to determine the next steps. This will include an assessment of who is affected by the breach, what was the cause of the breach and any foreseeable harm to the affected individuals/organisations.

Notify – individuals/organisations affected by the breach will be notified as soon as possible to enable them to take any steps required to protect themselves and to advise them of their rights to lodge a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner.

Act – any additional action identified to mitigate risks will be implemented.

Prevent – preventative efforts will be put into action based on the type and seriousness of the breach.

7. Promoting Privacy

Council reinforces compliance with the PPIPA and HRIPA by:

- Endorsing this Plan and making it publicly available
- Providing a copy of this Plan to relevant oversight bodies, such as the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
- Reporting on internal reviews to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Identifying privacy issues when implementing new systems, services and processes, and
- Providing staff training.

7.1. Employee awareness

Council ensures its employees are aware of and understand this Plan and how it applies to the work they do, by:

- Publishing this Privacy Management Plan and other privacy related information on the intranet and Council's website, and
- Providing staff training on an ongoing and regular basis to ensure that the information protection principles are broadly understood and that individual departments have a greater focus on how the information protection principles are directly applied to Council's day to day functions.

Councillors, all staff of the Council including staff of council businesses, and members of council committees should be acquainted with the general provisions of the PPIPA, the HRIPA and in particular, the 12 Information Protection Principles (IPPs), the 15 Health Privacy Principles (HPPs), the Public Register provisions, the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government, this Plan and any other applicable Code of Practice.

Council's Public Officer (the Manager Customer & Compliance) has been assigned the role of the Privacy Contact Officer. In order to ensure compliance with PPIPA and the HRIPA, the Privacy Contact Officer will review all contracts and agreements with consultants and other contractors, rates notices, application forms of whatsoever nature, and other written requests by which personal information is collected by Council, to ensure that Council is in compliance with the PPIPA.

The Privacy Contact Officer will ensure Council in its public areas has special provisions for working with computer screens. Computer screens may require:

- fast screen savers;
- facing the computers away from the public; or
- only allowing the record system to show one record at a time etc.

The Privacy Contact Officer will also provide opinions within Council as to:

- Whether the personal or health information is collected for a lawful purpose;
- If that lawful purpose is directly related to a function of Council; and
- Whether or not the collection of that personal or health information is reasonably necessary for the specified purpose.

Any further concerns of a legal nature may be referred to Council's solicitor.

7.2. Public awareness

This Plan provides information to members of the public about how Council manages personal and health information. The Plan is publicly available as open access information under the GIPA Act.

Council promotes public awareness of this Plan by:

- Publishing the Plan on its website
- Providing hard copies of the Plan free of charge on request
- Informing people about the Plan when responding to enquiries about personal and health information.

8. Review rights and complaints

8.1. Internal review

Individuals have the right to seek an internal review under Part 5 of the PPIPA if they think that Council has breached the PPIPA or HRIPA relating to their own personal or health information. Individuals cannot seek an internal review for a breach of someone else's privacy, unless they are an authorised representative of the other person.

8.2. Internal Review process

Applications for an internal review must be made within six months from the date when the applicant first became aware of the breach. Applications must be in writing and addressed to Council's Privacy Contact Officer.

The Privacy Contact Officer will conduct the internal review unless the internal review is about the conduct of the Privacy Contact Officer. In this case the Director Corporate Services will appoint another officer to conduct the internal review.

The Privacy Contact Officer will refer to the Privacy Commissioner's guidance materials when carrying out an internal review.

Council will:

- Acknowledge receipt of an internal review within 5 working days; and
- Complete an internal review within 60 calendar days.

Council's Privacy Contact Officer (or the officer undertaking any internal review) will inform the applicant of the progress of the internal review and will respond in writing within 14 calendar days of determining the internal review.

If an applicant is not notified of the outcome of an internal review within 60 days, the applicant may seek an external review.

8.3. The Privacy Commissioner's role in internal reviews

Council will notify the Privacy Commissioner of internal reviews. The Privacy Commissioner is entitled to make submissions to Council regarding internal reviews. Noting that an individual can make a complaint directly to the Privacy Commissioner about an alleged breach of their privacy.

8.4. External review by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)

An applicant may seek an external review by the NCAT. To seek an external review, an application must be made to the NCAT within 28 days from the date of the internal review determination.

8.5. Other ways to resolve privacy concerns

Council encourages the informal resolution of privacy issues before undertaking the review process. Issues can be raised informally with Council. Please refer to Council's website for contact details.

Complaints not dealt with through the internal review process will be managed under Council's Complaints Policy and Procedure (which is available on our website).

Appendix A – Information Privacy Principles (IPPs)

1. **Lawful** An agency must only collect personal information for a lawful purpose. It must be directly related to the agency's function or activities and necessary for that purpose.
2. **Direct** An agency must only collect personal information directly from you, unless you have authorised collection from someone else, or if you are under the age of 16 and the information has been provided by a parent or guardian.
3. **Open** An agency must inform you that the information is being collected, why it is being collected, and who will be storing and using it. You must also be told how you can access and correct your personal information, if the information is required by law or is voluntary, and any consequences that may apply if you decide not to provide it.
4. **Relevant** An agency must ensure that your personal information is relevant, accurate, complete, up-to-date and not excessive. The collection should not unreasonably intrude into your personal affairs.
5. **Secure** An agency must store personal information securely, keep it no longer than necessary and dispose of it appropriately. It should also be protected from unauthorised access, use, modification or disclosure.
6. **Transparent** An agency must provide you with details regarding the personal information they are storing, why they are storing it and what rights you have to access it.
7. **Accessible** An agency must allow you to access your personal information without excessive delay or expense.
8. **Correct** An agency must allow you to update, correct or amend your personal information where necessary.
9. **Accurate** An agency must ensure that your personal information is relevant, accurate, up to date and complete before using it.
10. **Limited** An agency can only use your personal information for the purpose for which it was collected unless you have given consent, or the use is directly related to a purpose that you would expect, or to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to any person's health or safety.
11. **Restricted** An agency can only disclose information in limited circumstances if you have consented or if you were told at the time they collected it that they would do so. An agency can also disclose your information if it is for a directly related purpose and it can be reasonably assumed that you would not object, if you have been made aware that information of that kind is usually disclosed, or if disclosure is necessary to prevent a serious and imminent threat to any person's health or safety.
12. **Safeguarded** An agency cannot disclose your sensitive personal information without your consent, for example, information about ethnic or racial origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, sexual activities or trade union membership. It can only disclose sensitive information without consent in order to deal with a serious and imminent threat to any person's health or safety.

Appendix B - Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government – revised 20 December 2019

1. Overview

- 1.1 This Privacy Code of Practice (the Code) is made under Part 3 Division 1 of the PPIPA.
- 1.2 The effect of this Code is to modify:
 - 1.2.1 The Information Protection Principles contained in Part 2 Division 1 of the PPIPA, and
 - 1.2.2 The provisions of Part 6 of the PPIPA,
 as they relate to Local Government.
- 1.3 This Code replaces the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government (gazetted on 1 July 2000).
- 1.4 This Code does not affect the operation of any exemption provided under Part 2 Division 3 of the PPIPA. This is consistent with section 29(6) of the PPIPA.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 For the purpose of this Code:

Code means the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government

Council refers to "councils", "county councils" and "joint organisations" as defined under the Local Government Act 1993

Information Protection Principles ("IPPs") means those principles contained in Part 2 Division 1 of the PPIPA.

Personal Information has the same meaning as in section 4 of the PPIPA

PPIPA means the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)

Privacy Management Plan means the Council's Privacy Management Plan

Public Sector Agency has the same meaning as in section 3 of the PPIPA

Public Sector Official has the same meaning as in section 3 of the PPIPA and includes an officer of a Council

Section refers to a section of the PPIPA unless otherwise indicated

Utility Provider refers to a private sector organisation, state owned corporation or public sector agency that provides utility services to the public, including but not limited to gas, electricity, telecommunications or water.

3. Application

- 3.1 This Code applies to all Councils, County Councils and Joint Organisations.
- 3.2 This Code applied to that part of the information collected or held by Council that is personal information.

4. Modification of the Information Privacy Principles

- 4.1 The application of the Information Protection Principles (IPPs) under Part 2 Division 1 of the PPIPA is modified to the extent described below.

(IPP 1) Section 8: Collection of personal information for lawful purposes

- 4.2 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 2) Section 9: Collection of personal information directly from individual

- 4.3 Council is not required to comply with this principle where indirect collection of personal information is reasonably necessary when an award, prize, benefit or similar form of person recognition is intended to be, or may be, conferred upon the person to whom the information relates.

(IPP 3) Section 10: Requirements when collecting personal information

- 4.4 Council may depart from this principle where indirect collection of personal information is reasonably necessary when an award, prize, benefit or similar form of personal recognition is intended to be, or may be, conferred upon the person to whom the information relates.

(IPP 4) Section 11: Other requirements relating to the collection of personal information

- 4.5 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 5) Section 12: Retention and security of personal information

- 4.6 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 6) Section 13: Information about personal information held by agencies

- 4.7 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 7) Section 14: Access to personal information held by agencies

- 4.8 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 8) Section 15: Alteration of personal information

- 4.9 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 9) Section 16: Agency must check accuracy of personal information before use

- 4.10 There is no intention to depart from this principle.

(IPP 10) Section 17: Limits on use of personal information

- 4.11 Council may use personal information for a purpose other than the purpose for which it was collected in the following circumstances:

- (1) where the use is for the purpose of undertaking Council's lawful and proper function/s and Council is satisfied that the personal information is reasonably necessary for the exercise of such function/s, or
- (2) where personal information is to be used for the purpose of conferring upon a particular person, an award, prize, benefit or similar form of personal recognition.

(IPP 11) Section 18: Limits on disclosure of personal information

- 4.12 There is no intention to depart from this principle except in the circumstances described below:

- (1) Council may disclose personal information to public sector agencies or utility providers on condition that;
 - (i) the agency or utility provider has approached Council in writing
 - (ii) Council is satisfied that the information is to be used by that agency or utility or utility provider for the proper and lawful function/s of that agency or utility provider, and
 - (iii) Council is satisfied that the personal information is reasonably necessary for the exercise of that agency or utility provider/s function/s.

- (2) Where personal information about an individual collected or held by Council is to be disclosed for the purpose of conferring upon that person, an award, prize, benefit or similar form of personal recognition.
- (3) Where Council is requested by a potential employer, it may verify;
 - (i) that a current or former employee works or has worked for Council
 - (ii) the duration of their employment, and
 - (iii) the position occupied during their employment.

This exception shall not permit Council to give an opinion as to that person's suitability to a particular position with any potential employer unless Council is satisfied that the person has provided their consent for Council to provide a reference, which may include an opinion as to that person's suitability for the position for which he/she has applied.

(IPP 12) Section 19: Special restrictions on disclosure of personal information

4.12 There is no intention to depart from this principle except in the circumstances described below:

- (1) For the purposes of section 19(2), where Council is requested by a potential employer outside New South Wales, it may verify that;
 - (i) a current or former employee works or has worked for Council
 - (ii) the duration of their employment, and
 - (iii) the position occupied during their employment.

This exception shall not permit Council to give an opinion as to that person's suitability for a particular position with any potential employer unless Council is satisfied that the person has provided their consent for Council to provide a reference, which may include an opinion as to that person's suitability for the position for which he/she has applied.

5. Modification to Part 6 (Public Registers)

5.1 The application of section 57 is modified to the extent that Council may allow any person to:

- (1) inspect a publicly available copy of a public register in council premises, and
- (2) copy a single entry or page of the register

Without requiring the person to provide a reason for accessing the register and without determining that the proposed use of the register is consistent with the purpose of the register or the Act under which the register is kept.

5.2 The application of section 57 is modified to the extent that:

- (1) Council should not require any person to provide a reason for inspecting the council's pecuniary interest register or any register on which the council records returns of interests made by councillors or designated persons under Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.
- (2) Council should not require the making of a statutory declaration as to the intended use of any information obtained from an inspection of the council's pecuniary interest register or any register on which the council records returns of interests made by councillors or designated persons under Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.

5.3 Council must ensure that the provisions of section 6 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and section 4.58 and 6.26 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 are complied with, where applicable.

6. Compliance

- 6.1 This Code will be made by an order published in the Government Gazette. This Code takes effect once the order making this Code is published (or such later date as may be specified in the order).
- 6.2 Any Council to which this Code applies must comply with its provisions.
- 6.3 The Council's Privacy Management Plan should include provisions to comply with the obligations imposed by the PPIPA and the provisions of this Code.

7. Review

- 7.1 This Code will be reviewed within three years from the date of its gazettal.

Appendix C – Statutory Declaration for access under s57 of the PPIPA to a Public Register held by Council

Statutory Declaration Oaths Act, 1900, Eighth Schedule

I, the undersigned ⁽¹⁾ _____ (1) insert full name

of ⁽²⁾ _____ (2) insert address

in the State of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

I am ⁽³⁾ _____ (3) insert relationship, if any, to person inquired about

I seek to know whether ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (4) insert name

is on the public register of ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (5) Applicant to describe the relevant public register

The purpose for which I seek this information is ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (6) insert purpose for seeking information

The purpose for which the information is required is to ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (7) insert purpose

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths Act 1994.

Signature of Applicant

Declared at: _____

in the said State this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

in the presence of _____

Name of Justice of the Peace/Solicitor

Who certifies that:

1. 'I saw the face of the declarant/deponent OR
'I did not see the face of the declarant/deponent because he/she was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that he/she had a special justification for not removing it, and
2. 'I have known the person for at least 12 months OR
'I confirmed the person's identity with _____
[describe identification document relied on]

Signature of Justice of the Peace/Solicitor to be printed

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Appendix D – Application under s14 of the PPIPA for access to applicant's personal information

Personal information held by the Council

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____ (1) insert full name
 of ⁽²⁾ _____ (2) insert address
 Hereby request that the ⁽³⁾ _____ (3) insert name of Council

Provide me with:

- ☐ (a) access to all personal information held concerning myself; or
☐ (b) access to the following personal information only (LIST INFORMATION REQUIRED BELOW):

My address for response to this application is:

_____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Note to applicants

As an applicant, you have a right of access to personal information concerning yourself that is held by the Council under section 14 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA).

You are entitled to have access without excessive delay or cost.

Council may refuse to process your application in part, or in whole, if:

- the correct amount of fees has not been paid;
- there is an exemption to section 14 of the PPIPA; or
- a Code of Practice may restrict disclosure.

Enquiries concerning this matter can be addressed to:

Appendix E – Application under s15 of the PPIPA for alteration of applicant's personal information

Personal information held by the Council

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____ (1) insert full name
 of ⁽²⁾ _____ (2) insert address
 Hereby request that the ⁽³⁾ _____ (3) insert name of Council

alter personal information regarding myself in the following manner:

- I propose the following changes: _____
- The reasons for the changes are as follows: _____
- The documentary bases for those changes is as shown on the attached documents

Note to Applicants :

You have a right to request appropriate amendments are made (whether by way of corrections, deletions or additions) to ensure that the personal information held by the Council:

- (a) is accurate, and
- (b) having regard to the purpose for which the information was collected (or is to be used) and to any purpose that is directly related to that purpose, is relevant, up-to-date, complete and not misleading.

If Council is not prepared to amend the personal information in accordance with a request by you, Council must take such steps as are reasonable to attach to the information in such a manner as is capable of being read with the information, any statement provided by you.

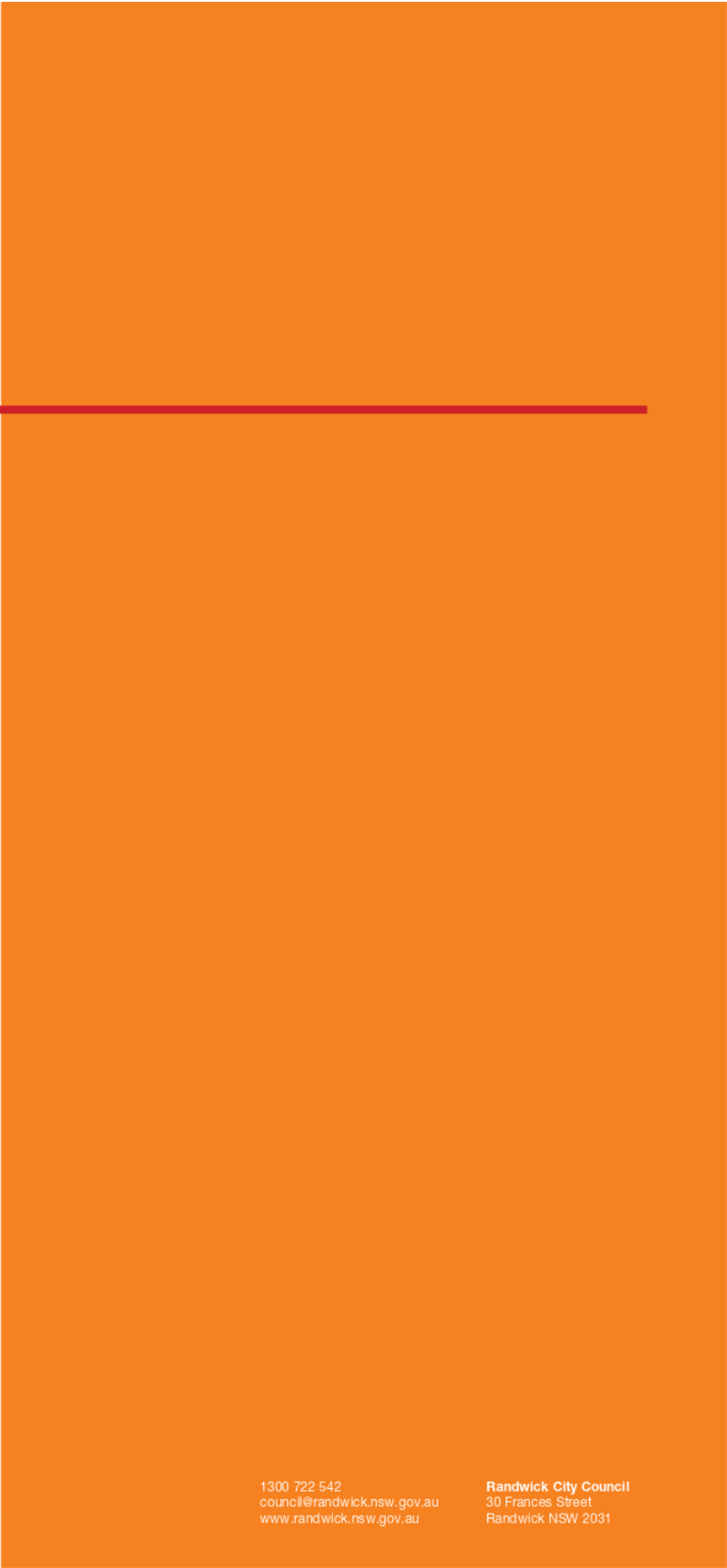
If your personal information is amended, you are entitled under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA), if it is reasonably practicable, to have recipients of that information notified of the amendments made by Council.

Council may refuse to process your application in part, or in whole, if:

- there is an exemption to section 15 of the PPIPA; or
- a Code of Practice may restrict alteration.

Enquiries concerning this matter can be addressed to: _____

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Randwick City Council
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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM76/20

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Parker - Matraville 'Soldiers' Settlement Estate'

Motion:

That Council:

1. Continues to support the principle of providing additional public housing stock across the Randwick Local Government.
2. Recognises that future developments involving the replacement of or provision of additional public housing must be done in accordance with sound and proper planning principles including that any proposal must be in keeping with existing community character.
3. Acknowledges that the NSW Government Land and Housing corporation is developing plans to demolish the existing low-rise Matraville Soldiers' Settlement Housing Estate and replacing all dwellings within the estate with new public and private housing on the presently exclusively public housing site. The current proposal envisages:
 - a. Towers of up to 8 storeys tall
 - b. Thousands of new private apartments
 - c. An increase of merely 100-200 additional public housing dwellings overall notwithstanding the addition of thousands of private dwellings
4. Notes that according to Randwick City Council's own Housing Strategy - 3,683 new social and affordable dwellings will be needed by 2036 to achieve Council's target of 10% affordable homes (2.5% affordable rental, 7.5% social housing).
5. Considers the provision of a mere 100-200 additional public housing dwellings on public land as a poor social and planning outcome and indicates a likely a failure to meet Council's own target of 10% affordable homes across public and private land by 2036 - if this is the scale of ambition held by Land and Housing corporation on their own publicly-owned land.
6. Expresses deep concern over the proposed change in housing mix at this location from predominately public to predominately private with a proportionally smaller public and affordable housing component.
7. Expresses deep concern over the fact that a low-rise estate which provides important homes with backyards and living space for families as well as retirees and older people will be replaced by high rise living, thereby diminishing the already meagre supply of publicly-owned social housing homes for families with children.
8. Acknowledges that Council staff have been engaged in discussions with Land and Housing Corporation for some time regarding the Soldiers' Settlement proposal.
9. Brief councillors as soon as possible on the draft proposal and discussions to held to date and thereafter provide regular briefings on the status of this proposal.
10. Communicate to NSW Land and Housing corporation Council's deep concern over its draft proposal.

Submitted by: Councillor Parker, Central Ward

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