

# Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 28 March 2023

# Seating Plan for Council meetings



# Statement of ethical obligations

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



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor, Randwick Town Hall, 90 Avoca St, Randwick on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 7pm

## **Acknowledgement of the Local Indigenous People & Prayer**

### **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."*

### **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"*

## **Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences**

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### **Address of Council by Members of the Public**

*Privacy warning:*

*In respect to Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, members of the public are advised that the proceedings of this meeting will be recorded for the purposes of clause 5.20-5.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.*

*Audio/video recording of meetings prohibited without permission;*

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*would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.*

CO17/23 Tender for Provision of Linemarking Services - SSROC T2022-03

*This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (d) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.*

### **Notice of Rescission Motions**

Nil

### **Petitions**

Kerry Kyriacou  
**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM8/23

**Subject: Artificial Reef - Sydney Dive Wreck**

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### Motion:

That Council writes a letter of support for the proposal by Gordons Bay Scuba Diving Club for an Artificial Reef at a site 4 kilometers off Coogee.

### Background:

The Gordons Bay Scuba Diving Club proposes to create an artificial reef by scuttling an ex-Navy ship off the Sydney Coast. The artificial reef would be built by acquiring the ship, thoroughly stripping and cleaning the ship to remove any unwanted components and sinking it at a site 4 kilometres off Coogee.

The Club outline that the Artificial Reef will provide benefits including:

- Additional recreational options to the community (Scuba diving and snorkelling at the Artificial Reef);
- Increased marine biodiversity from the marine life that will use the Artificial Reef as a habitat;
- Increased opportunities for conducting marine research on the Artificial Reef; and
- Additional revenue to local businesses through increased tourism;

The potential cost is \$6-10M for preparation and low, ongoing maintenance cost.

The Club have been advised that several Navy ships are potentially available in the coming years. These include Armidale Patrol Boats, Survey Motor Launches and Hydrographic Ships. It is expected that a Navy Ship will be gifted by the Federal Government.

It is planned that the Artificial Reef will provide a safe environment for divers with a specifically prepared wreck with safety holes cut for light and exit from within the ship at a recreational dive depth.

The Artificial Reef will provide opportunity for NSW employment during ship preparation and ongoing.

There is a petition of over 13,500 signatures (approximately 4,000 from the Randwick LGA) in support of the proposal to be tabled in NSW Parliament, at a date to be determined. The Club are seeking a letter of support from Council for the proposal.

Council's Economic Development Strategy aims to attract people from around Australia and the world to do business, work and visit. It outlines the strategic approach to develop and implement a destination management plan to promote Randwick City's diverse experiences and Indigenous cultural strengths by 2032. The proposed Artificial Reef could be considered for inclusion as part of this plan.

### Source of funding:

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

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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**Responsible officer:** The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker  
**File Reference:** F2022/06574



## Mayoral Minute No. MM9/23

### Subject: Financial Assistance and Donations - February - March 2023

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#### Motion:

That Council:

- a) note the purchase 3 tickets to the Randwick Rugby's 2023 Annual Lunch that was held on 17 March 2023, totaling \$604.50 to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, for interested Councillors to attend the fundraising lunch in support of the Club;
- b) waive the fees associated with the Running for Premature Babies Kids Fun Run being held on 20 August 2023 totaling \$680 and make a \$3,000 contribution towards the cost of a BBQ and medals for the participants, to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, per year for a total of 3 years (2023-2025);
- c) note the contribution of \$1,770.08 towards staging and AV for the Randwick Netball Season Launch that was held on 25 March 2023, funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund;
- d) note the donation of seedlings to the value of \$300 from Council's Nursery, to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, towards the UNSW Health Promotion Unit's activation to assist students with a new platform designed to support mental health and wellbeing in partnership with Arc;
- e) approve a donation of plants to the value of \$400 from Council's Nursery, to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, for the Mother's Day stall being held by St Aiden's Primary School Parents and Friends Association in May to support the fund raising efforts for the school;
- f) contribute \$2,500 towards the Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools production of the "Behind Every Door is a Story" show at NIDA on 26 and 27 April 2023, to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund;
- g) note the waiving of fees for Marie Tesoriero, Community Service Award recipient at Australia Day 2023, to hold a fete stall at the 2023 Spot Festival with all profits going to the Sydney Children's Hospital; totalling \$260 to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, and
- h) note the waiving of fees, totalling \$3,060 to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, for the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Junior Surf Sports Pool Rescue Clinic that was held at the Des Renford Leisure Centre on 12 and 19 March 2023.

#### Background:

##### Randwick Rugby's 2023 Annual Lunch

The Randwick Rugby Club's Annual Lunch was held on 17 March 2023, supporting player scholarship, education, injury and social welfare programs. The annual fundraising event makes a huge difference to all the players, both male and female, senior and junior.

Due to the timing, I made the decision as Mayor to purchase tickets for interested Councillors to attend in support of the Club, totalling \$604.50. This is in line with support provided by Council in previous years.

##### Running for Premature Babies Kids Fun Run

The Running for Premature Babies Kids Fun Run is being held on 20 August 2023 at Grant Reserve, Coogee. The annual event is held to raise awareness and funding for neonatal hospital equipment.

I recently met with the Founder and CEO of Running for Premature Babies to hear more about the wonderful work that they do, making a huge difference to the health of our community.

Running for Premature Babies started in 2007 when Founder, Sophie Smith OAM and her late husband Ash lost their three premature triplets due to complications. When their babies were in hospital, Sophie and Ash realised that most of the machines that kept their boys alive were donated and that the hospital relied on fundraising for 70% of the equipment in the unit. What began as a quest to run the SMH Half Marathon and raise \$20,000 for one new humidicrib for the hospital in memory of their boys, grew into what is now the Running for Premature Babies Foundation.

The Foundation has so far raised over \$5 million for life saving neonatal equipment and funded research to solve the many mysteries of prematurity and advance the care of premature babies for the future.

I received the request to support this worthy cause by waiving the fees associated with holding the event at Grant Reserve, Coogee and contributing towards the cost of a BBQ and medals for the participants.

The fees associated with holding the event at Grant Reserve, Coogee are outlined as follows:

Application Fee:	\$202.00
Community Event Park Hire:	\$478.00
Total:	\$680.00

I propose waiving these fees and contributing \$3,000 towards the cost of a BBQ and medals for the participants, per year for a total of 3 years. Council's logo will be included on the back of the medals in acknowledgement of our support. This is in line with support provided in previous years and will ensure that more funds raised go towards much needed neonatal hospital equipment.

### **Randwick Netball Season Launch – 25 March 2023**

The Randwick Netball Season Launch was held on 25 March 2023 at Heffron Park. The event included the opening of a Jubilee Garden in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, honoured members who were awarded an Order of Australia Medal on Australia Day, acknowledged the recipient of the Anne Clark Service award and celebrated the 30 clubs and members.

Council's support was requested and as such, assistance was provided with staging and AV for the event. Due to the timing, I approved the contribution of \$1,770.08 towards the staging and AV on this occasion. This support is in line with support provided in previous years.

### **UNSW and Arc mental health and wellbeing support platform**

UNSW and Arc are partnering to assist new and returning international and domestic students access a new platform designed to support their mental health and wellbeing. Stalls are being held for 7 weeks as an activation for this initiative. Further stalls will be held for O-Week in May.

Representatives from UNSW reached out to me to request a donation of plants to hand out at the stalls, to encourage participation and raise awareness. I approved a donation of plants from Council's nursery to the value of \$300 in support of this worthy initiative.

### **St Aiden's Primary School Mother's Day Stall**

St Aiden's Primary School in Maroubra, through their Parents and Friends Association, has requested a donation of plants from the Randwick Nursery for their Mother's Day stall being held in May. I propose a donation of plants to the value of \$400 for the Mother's Day stall in support of fundraising efforts for the school.

**Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools annual production at NIDA**

Every year for the past decade, both Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School have combined to present a variety show, traditionally at NIDA. The 2023 show is being held on 26 and 28 April and themed “Behind Every Door is a Story”, consisting of several dance and musical numbers presented by students in years 7 to 12.

The funding for the show comes from the fees paid by students who participate, sponsors, the voluntary labour of parents and others, as well as donations received. The schools have contacted me to request a contribution towards this year’s show, as has been done in previous years.

The schools are very grateful for Council’s generosity and support in previous years. In continued support for the schools, I propose contributing \$2,500 towards the production of the 2023 show.

**Marie Tesoriero – Spot Festival**

Marie Tesoriero was a Community Service Award Recipient at Council’s Australia Day Awards 2023. Marie requested the waiving of fees associated with holding a fete stall at the Spot Festival held on 26 March 2023. All funds raised from the fete stall will go to the Sydney Children’s Hospital. Due to the timing, I made the decision as Mayor to waive the fees associated with the stall at the Spot Festival on this occasion in support of this worthy cause.

**Surf Life Saving Sydney – Use of 4 Lanes at the Des Renford Centre**

The Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Junior Surf Sports Pool Rescue Clinic was held on 12 and 19 March 2023, offered to youth members of their 15 surf clubs. The Branch requested that Council waive the fees associated with holding the Clinic at the Des Renford Leisure Centre, totalling \$3,060, in line with support provided by Council in previous years.

Due to the timing, I made the decision as Mayor to approve the fee waiver on this occasion so that the Branch were able to conduct the clinic for the benefit of youth members of our local clubs.

**Source of funding:**

The financial implication to Council will be \$12,574.58 to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, and \$3,680 to be funded from the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Contingency Fund.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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**Responsible officer:** The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

**File Reference:** F2023/06574



## Mayoral Minute No. MM10/23

**Subject: ZERO Childhood Cancer Program**

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### Motion:

That Council acknowledge the important work of ZERO and their success in receiving funding to expand the ZERO Childhood Cancer Program to every child with cancer across the country.

### Background:

Since 2017, led in partnership by Children's Cancer Institute and the Kids Cancer Centre at Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick, ZERO has offered precision medicine to Australian children with the highest risk cancers facing less than 30 per cent chance of survival. Over 900 children with high-risk and care cancers have been enrolled across Australia.

ZERO includes all nine of Australia's children's hospitals as well as 22 national and international research partners and is based on the premise that every child's cancer is unique. Sophisticated genomic analysis is performed for each child enrolled on the program, allowing scientists to look for genetic alterations that may be driving the cancer's growth, then search for drugs capable of targeting those alterations. This information is returned to the clinicians treating the child, to help inform their decision-making.

Minderoo Foundation has supported ZERO since 2017 and has partnered with the Australian Government through the Department of Health's Medical Research Future Fund, to jointly provide \$67 million of funding to expand the ZERO Childhood Cancer Program to all young Australians with cancer.

The program will now be made available to children diagnosed with any type of cancer, irrespective of their cancer risk. The expansion will be done in stages, starting with all children diagnosed with brain cancers, then rolling out to all other types of childhood cancers as the year progresses.

ZERO brings together leading clinicians and researchers and embraces research-driven clinical care to achieve better outcomes for children with cancer, now and into the future. The important work of ZERO, and their success in receiving funding to expand the ZERO Childhood Cancer Program to every child with cancer across the country, is worthy of acknowledgement.

### Source of funding:

N/A.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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**Responsible officer:** The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

**File Reference:** F2023/06574



## Mayoral Minute No. MM11/23

### Subject: Illuminating Randwick Town Hall

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#### Motion:

That Council:

- a) notes the ongoing investigation of permanent infrastructure to illuminate or project colours on the Randwick Town Hall for the purposes of promoting, recognising and supporting community events, causes and messages;
- b) subject to a budget allocation and successful procurement, develops guidelines for considering and approving requests from not-for-profit or community organisations to illuminate the Randwick Town Hall; and
- c) considers the request to light up the Town Hall in purple for World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day alongside other future requests from not-for-profit or community organisations to illuminate the Randwick Town Hall.

#### Background:

Council receives many requests from not-for-profit and community organisations to support worthy causes by lighting up the Randwick Town Hall. A recent example was the request I received to light up the Town Hall in purple for World Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day on 19 May to raise awareness and recognise people living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Council has previously arranged the illumination of Randwick Town Hall for one-off occasions, costing approximately \$3,500 each time.

With the increase in such requests, investigations have commenced for permanent infrastructure to enable the changing of the colours to light up the Town Hall with maximum impact. The cost to install permanent infrastructure for the illumination and projection of colours on the Randwick Town Hall will be approximately \$220,000 plus annual maintenance. Due to the cost, Council will need to go through the appropriate procurement process and approve a funding allocation in the budget.

It would be important for requests to illuminate or project colours on the Town Hall to be effectively managed to meet community expectations while preserving the integrity of Randwick Town Hall. It would also be important to consider that if the Town Hall is illuminated on a very regular basis, some of the intended impact may be lost.

As such, guidelines would need to be developed to assist in the consideration and approval of requests from not-for-profit and community organisations to illuminate or project colours on the Town Hall, ensuring a consistent and transparent approach to managing illumination requests.

The guidelines should also allow Council to determine to illuminate Town Hall to promote civic events, culturally significant calendar dates and community messages.

The initiative would support Council's strategies to develop vibrant, active places and attract people to Randwick City. By providing a way to promote and support culturally significant calendar dates and community messages, the initiative would also support the development of a resilient city where people are engaged, informed, connected and feel a sense of community and belonging.

#### Source of funding:

There is no financial implication to Council at this stage.

The cost to install permanent infrastructure for the illumination and projection of colours on the Randwick Town Hall will be approximately \$220,000 plus annual maintenance. Due to the cost, Council will need to go through the appropriate procurement process and approve a funding allocation in the budget.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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**Responsible officer:** The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

**File Reference:** F2023/06574

## Director City Planning Report No. CP2/23

**Subject: Conflict of Interest Policy for Council-related development**

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### Executive Summary


- The NSW Government has introduced provisions which require Councils to have a formal Conflict of Interest Policy (the Policy) in relation to Council-related development which is imposed through amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*, effective from 3 April 2023.
- The Policy details the process for identifying and managing potential conflicts of interest in relation to Council-related development and has been prepared in accordance with the *Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Guidelines* published by the Department of Planning and Environment.
- The proposed Conflict of Interest Policy also incorporates Council's current practice and procedures for dealing with Council-related development.
- Whilst there is no statutory requirement that the Policy be placed on public exhibition prior to adoption by Council, it is recommended that the Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. It is also recommended that the Policy is adopted as an interim policy during the exhibition period and until final adoption.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) publicly exhibits the Conflict of Interest Policy – Dealing with Council-related development for a period of 28 days.
- b) adopts the Conflict of Interest Policy – Dealing with Council-related development as an interim policy during the exhibition period and until final adoption.

### Attachment/s:

1.  Conflict of Interest Policy - Dealing with Council-related Development - Randwick City Council

## Purpose

The NSW Government has introduced amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (Regulations) which requires Council to:

- have a formal policy which sets out how they will manage any potential conflicts of interest that may arise in relation to Council-related development
- consider this policy prior to determining any development applications that are Council-related, and
- publicly communicate any management approaches that Council will implement for each development (if required) by completing and submitting a management strategy which shall be published on the NSW Planning Portal.

The amendments to the Regulations commence on 3 April 2023.

This policy aims to manage potential conflicts of interest and increase transparency at all stages of the development process for Council-related development and meet the legislative requirements of Section 66A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

## Discussion

Conflict of interest occurs when a reasonable person perceives that personal interests could or have been favoured over public duty in Council-related development. Randwick City Council is committed to ensure all preventive and detective measures have been applied to significantly reduce the adverse impacts of any type of conflict of interest.

Councils are development regulators, but they also can be the developer, landowner or hold a commercial interest in the land they regulate. Where Councils have this dual role, an inherent conflict can arise between their interests in the development and their duty as regulator.

Identifying these conflicts of interest early and finding ways to address them is crucial to good governance and allows Council to strengthen its relationship with communities and build stronger trust.

On 30 September 2022, the Minister for Planning and Environment published the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Conflict of Interest) Regulation 2022* which provides for the following amendments to the Regulations:

Insert section 30B which reads:

### **30B Council-related development applications**

*A council-related development application must be accompanied by—*

- (a) a statement specifying how the council will manage conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the application because the council is the consent authority (a management strategy), or*
- (b) a statement that the council has no management strategy for the application.*

Insert section 66A which reads:

### **66A Council-related development applications—the Act, ss 4.16(11)**

*(1) A council-related development application must not be determined by the consent authority unless—*

- (a) the council has adopted a conflict of interest policy, and*
- (b) the council considers the policy in determining the application.*

*(2) In this section—*

*conflict of interest policy means a policy that—*

- (a) specifies how a council will manage conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with council-related development applications because the council is the consent authority, and*
- (b) complies with the Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Guidelines published by the Department and available on the NSW planning portal.*

Insert section 240(3)(m1) which reads:

*(m1) for a development consent granted in response to a council-related development application—*

- (i) conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the application because the council is the consent authority, and*
- (ii) measures taken by the council to manage the conflicts of interest,*

Insert a new definition in the Dictionary in Schedule 7 as follows:

**council-related development application** has the same meaning as in the Act, Schedule 1, clause 9B.

The proposed amendments also include a new provision under Schedule 1, Clause 9B the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) for Council-related development applications to be placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days.

As such, the purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements of the Regulations (as amended) and to be effective from 3 April 2023.

The policy details the process for identifying and managing potential conflicts of interest in relation to Council-related development and has been prepared in accordance with the *Council-related Development Application Conflict of Interest Guidelines* published by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The draft policy incorporates the existing provisions and procedures under Council's Code of Conduct, DA Procedures Manual, the Local Planning Panels Ministers Direction which specifies conflict of interest development and application types that are to be determined by the Local Planning Panel, and referral criteria under Schedule 6 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021* for Council-related development.

The draft policy also incorporates provisions to manage potential conflict of interest relating to building certification and regulatory process associated with Council related development applications.

There is no statutory requirement that the Policy be placed on public exhibition prior to adoption by Council. However, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Strategy and in the interest of transparency and public engagement, it is recommended that the Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. It is also recommended that the Policy is adopted as an interim policy during the exhibition period and until final adoption.

### Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Development Assessment
Function	Assessment of Development Applications
Delivery program commitment	Assess and determine Development Applications, Modification Applications and Review Applications under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Service area	Health, Building & Regulatory Services
Function	Regulation and Compliance
Delivery program commitment	Implement Council's key regulatory functions, responsibilities and services relating to buildings, development, use of premises and land, public places and the natural environment.

## Resourcing Strategy implications

The Development Assessment business unit currently has an allocated budget for referral of applications to external consultants, including for the purpose of managing potential conflict of interest associated with development applications. Relevant development applications may also be referred to Council's Randwick Local Planning Panel for determination. The proposed Policy reflects the current procedures in place in relation to the management of applications which involve Council as a landowner or applicant. As such, it is not anticipated that there would be an increase in the number of applications required to be referred to external consultants or to the Local Planning Panel for determination to that which currently exists, and therefore there would be no additional resourcing implications.

The application of the proposed policy also applies to Council's regulatory functions and services associated with Council development applications. The building certification costs can be accommodated within the allocated budget for the subject development project and any regulatory costs can also be accommodated within the existing regulatory budget.

## Policy and legislative requirements

Under Section 66A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (amended), a Council-related development application must not be determined by the consent authority unless the Council has adopted a conflict of interest policy, and that Council considers the policy in determining the application.

## Conclusion

In order to meet the legislative requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021*, Council must prepare a formal Conflict of Interest Policy for dealing with Council-related development. The proposed policy is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Regulations and Department of Planning & Environment Conflict of Interest Guidelines.

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**Responsible officer:** Angela Manahan, Executive Planner

**File Reference:** F2023/00201

CITY PLANNING

CP2/23

# Conflict of Interest Policy - Dealing with Council- related development

Adoption Date:

**TBC**

Review Date:

**TBC**

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**1**

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**Development Assessment**

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## 1. Preliminary

### 1.1. Name of Policy

This policy is the Randwick City Council's (RCC) Conflicts of Interest Policy for dealing with Council-related development throughout the development process.

### 1.2. Aim of Policy

This policy provides RCC's baseline guidance on how to manage conflicts of interest in a manner that promotes transparency and fairness in all the stages of the development process for Council-related development applications and meet the legislative requirements of Section 66A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.

### 1.3. Scope

This policy applies to Council-related development. This policy applies, but not limited to all staff, consultants, outsourced third-party service providers, and any other persons and entities involved in Council-related development.

### 1.4. Commitment to Managing Conflict of Interest

Conflict of interest occurs when a reasonable person perceives that personal interests could or have been favoured over public duty in Council-related development. RCC is committed to ensure all preventive and detective measures have been applied to significantly reduce the adverse impacts of any type of conflict of interest.

Inherently, Councils are development regulators, but they also can be the developer, landowner or hold a commercial interest in the land they regulate. Where Councils have this dual role, an inherent conflict can arise between their personal interests in the development and their public duty as regulator.

Identifying these conflicts of interest early and finding ways to address them is crucial to good governance and allows Council to strengthen its relationship with communities and build stronger trust.

RCC requires all staff, consultants, outsourced third-party service providers, any other persons and entities involved in Council-related development to:

1. Prevent personal interests that may impact on carrying out duty obligations.
2. Disclose all personal interests and any other factors that may give rise to conflict of interest.
3. Complete conflict of interest awareness training/induction in compliance with human resources training and development policies.
4. Fully cooperate with all processes and activities in place for managing conflict of interest.
5. Uphold RCC ethical values and continue to safeguard and protect the reputation of RCC.

### 1.5. Definitions

- (1) In this policy:

**application** means an application for consent under Part 4 of the Act to carry out development and includes an application for a complying development certificate and an application to modify a development consent.

**Council** means Randwick City Council.

**Council-related development** means development for which the Council is the applicant developer (whether lodged by or on behalf of Council), landowner, or has a commercial interest in the land the subject of the application, where it will also be the regulator or consent authority.

**development process** means application, assessment, determination, and enforcement.  
**the Act** means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

**the Policy** means the *Conflict of Interest Policy – Dealing with Council-related development*.

- (2) A word or expression used in this policy has the same meaning as it has in the Act, and any instruments made under the Act, unless it is otherwise defined in this policy.
- (3) Notes included in this policy do not form part of the policy.

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## 2. Process for identifying and managing potential conflicts of interest

### 2.1. Management controls and strategies

- (1) One or more of the following management controls may be applied to:
  - a. The **assessment and determination** of an application for Council-related development.
    - Refer to Table 1.
  - b. The **regulation and enforcement** of approved Council-related development:
    - Engagement of a private-sector Registered Certifier to issue construction certificates, complying development certificates, occupation certificates and act as the Principal Certifier for development, other than minor building works or structures,
    - Investigation, assessment of regulatory and enforcement action in accordance with Council's Enforcement Policy and Guidelines and reporting of regulatory actions to Council's General Manager,
    - Assessment or peer review by an independent consultant, legal advisor or neighbouring Council.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 30B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*,
  - a. Council-related development application must be accompanied by:
  - b. a statement specifying how the Council will manage conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the application because the Council is the consent authority, or
  - c. a statement that the Council has no management strategy for the application.

Refer to an example management statement in **Table 2**.
- (3) Management controls may not be applied to the following kinds of development which are of a minor nature:
  - a) Commercial fit-out and minor changes to the building façade;
  - b) Internal alterations or additions to buildings that are not a heritage item;
  - c) Advertising signage;
  - d) Minor building structures or minor additions to existing buildings; and
  - e) Other minor development or use of Council land, including applications for footway dining, community events, placement of articles in a public place or the like.

### 2.2. Identifying whether a potential conflict of interest exists, assessment of level of risk and determination of appropriate management controls

- (1) Development applications lodged with the Council that are Council-related development (as defined in Clause 1.5) are to be referred to the General Manager (or delegate) for a conflict of interest risk assessment.
- (2) The General Manager (or delegate) is to:

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- a) assess whether the application is one in which a potential conflict of interest exists;
  - b) identify the phase(s) of the development process at which the identified conflict of interest arises;
  - c) assess the level of risk involved at each phase of the development process;
  - d) determine what (if any) management controls should be implemented to address the identified conflict of interest (in each phase of the development process if necessary) having regard to any controls and strategies outlined in Clause 2.1 of the policy and the outcome of the General Manager's assessment of the level of risk involved as set out Clause 2.2(2)(c) of the Policy; and  
*Note: the General Manager could determine that no management controls are necessary in the circumstances.*
  - e) document the proposed management approach for the proposal in a statement that is published on the NSW Planning Portal. Refer to Table 2.

**Table 1: Assessment and determination criteria for an application for Council-related development.**

Category of Council-related development	Assessment	Determination
<p><b>Minor/Low Risk Development Application</b></p> <p>Minor or low risk Development Application refers to development that is small-scale, routine operational and/or non-controversial.</p> <p>The determination of a minor DA shall be made after consideration of the following criteria, at the discretion of the Manager Development Assessment (or delegate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The estimated value of the works to be undertaken;</li> <li>• The potential impact on surrounding residential amenity associated with the proposed development;</li> <li>• The consistency of the proposed works with an existing Council Management Plan or strategy (if relevant);</li> <li>• Whether the proposal involves any substantial variations from existing Council policy; and</li> <li>• Whether the proposal will lead to any financial benefit for the Council.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: a minor DA generally refers to the type of developments identified in Clause 2.1(3) of the Policy.</i></p> <p><i>Examples: internal refurbishment or renovation of a building, minor building structures or additions, structures projecting over public land and signage.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment undertaken by Council staff not involved in the Council-related development.</li> <li>• A management statement is to be prepared and exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal with the DA, unless it is of a kind referred to in Part 2.1(3) of this Policy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination by Council staff under delegated authority.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major Development Application</b></p> <p>Major Development Application refers to development that is large scale, significant and/or controversial.</p> <p>The determination of a major DA shall be made after consideration of the following criteria, at the discretion of the Manager Development Assessment (or delegate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The estimated value of the works to be undertaken;</li> <li>• If the DA is Regional Development (under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021.</li> <li>• A DA that requires determination by a local planning panel in accordance with the Ministers Direction under section 9.1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment is to be undertaken by an external Planning Consultant.</li> <li>• A management statement is to be prepared and exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal with the DA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination by the Regional Planning Panel if the Capital Investment Value (CIV) of the application is more than \$5 million in accordance with Schedule 6 of the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning</i></li> </ul>

Category of Council-related development	Assessment	Determination
<p>of the Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential impact on surrounding residential amenity associated with the proposed development;</li> <li>The consistency of the proposed works with an existing Council Management Plan or strategy;</li> <li>Whether the proposal involves any substantial variations from existing Council policy; and</li> <li>Whether the proposal will leave to any financial benefit for the Council.</li> </ul> <p><i>Examples: new community building and/or facilities, significant alterations and additions to a Council owned building, development with more than 10 objections, development value of more than \$5m.</i></p>		<p>Systems) 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination by Randwick Local Planning Panel if the application does not trigger referral to the Regional Planning Panel.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Minor Modification Application - S4.55(1) &amp; (1A)</u></b></p> <p>Minor modification application refers to applications pursuant to Section 4.55(1) and (1A) of the Act, which involves minor error, misdescription or miscalculation and minimal environmental impact.</p> <p>The determination of a minor modification application shall be made after consideration of the following criteria, at the discretion of the Manager Development Assessment (or delegate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential impact on surrounding residential amenity associated with the proposed development;</li> <li>The consistency of the proposed works with an existing Council Management Plan or strategy;</li> <li>Whether the proposal involves any substantial variations from existing Council policy; and</li> <li>Whether the proposal will leave to any financial benefit for the Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment undertaken by Council staff not involved in the Council-related development.</li> <li>A management statement is to be prepared and exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal with the DA, unless it is of a kind referred to in Part 2.1(3) of this Policy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination by Council staff under delegated authority.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Other Modification Application – S4.55(2)</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment is to be undertaken by</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination by the</li> </ul>

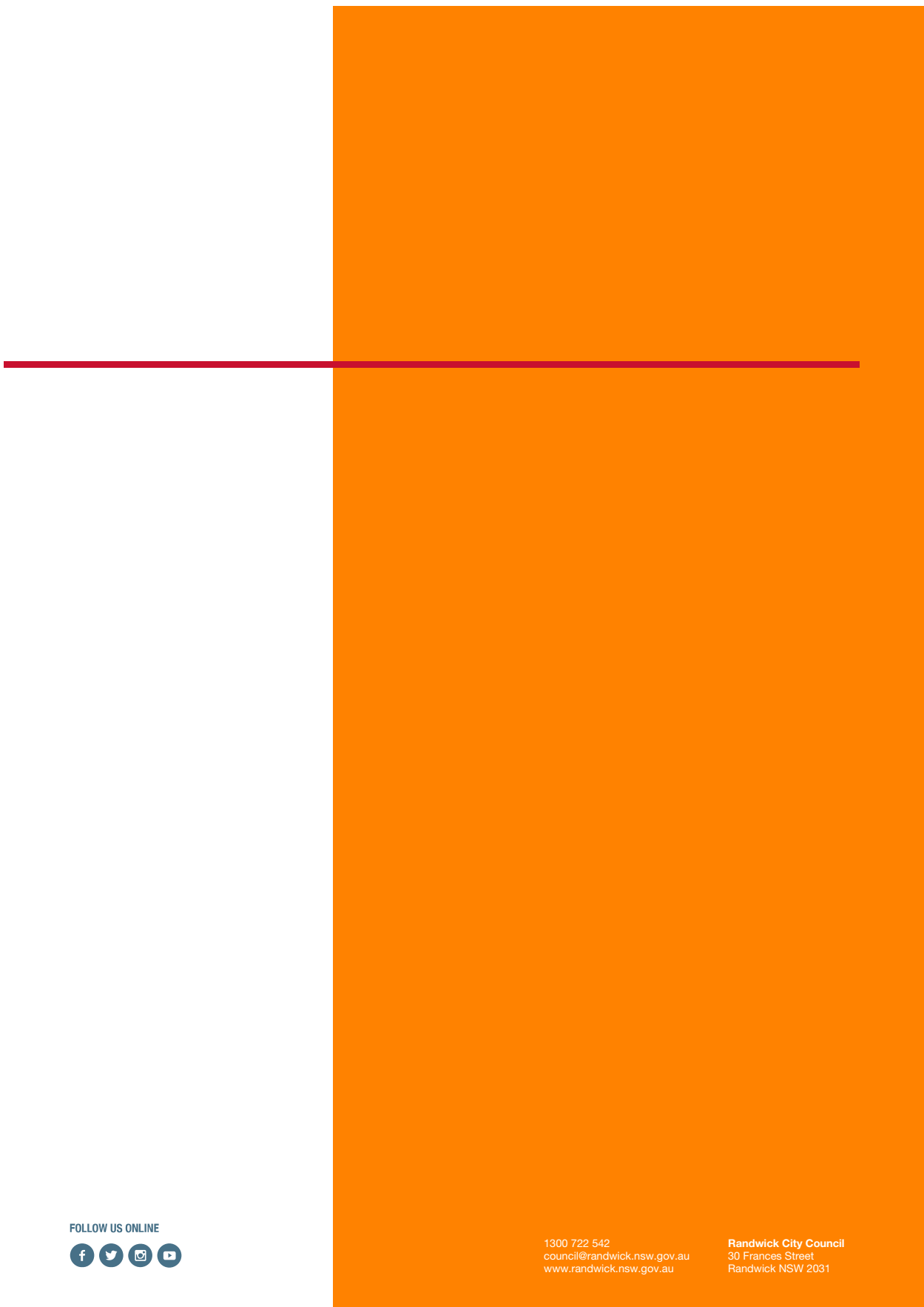
Category of Council-related development	Assessment	Determination
<p>Other modification application refers to applications pursuant to Section 4.55(2) or 4.56 of the Act.</p> <p>The determination of a Section 4.55(2) or 4.56 modification application shall be made after consideration of the following criteria, at the discretion of the Manager Development Assessment (or delegate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential impact on surrounding residential amenity associated with the proposed development;</li> <li>• The consistency of the proposed works with an existing Council Management Plan or strategy;</li> <li>• Whether the proposal involves any substantial variations from existing Council policy; and</li> <li>• Whether the proposal will leave to any financial benefit for the Council.</li> </ul>	<p>an external Planning Consultant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A management statement is to be prepared and exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal with the DA.</li> </ul>	<p>Regional Planning Panel, or Randwick Local Planning Panel if the original application was not determined by the relevant panel.</p>
<p><b>Review Application – S8.3</b></p> <p>Section 8.3 review application refers to applications pursuant to Division 8.2 of the Act.</p> <p>The determination of a review application shall be made after consideration of the following criteria, at the discretion of the Manager Development Assessment (or delegate):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential impact on surrounding residential amenity associated with the proposed development;</li> <li>• The consistency of the proposed works with an existing Council Management Plan or strategy;</li> <li>• Whether the proposal involves any substantial variations from existing Council policy; and</li> <li>• Whether the proposal will leave to any financial benefit for the Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment undertaken as per the original Development Application, by either external consultant or Council staff not involved in the Council-related development.</li> <li>• A management statement is to be prepared and exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal with the DA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination is to be conducted by the relevant Regional Planning Panel or Local Planning Panel who made the original determination.</li> </ul>

Table 2: Management Statement Example

**Randwick City Council's Conflict of Interest Management Statement**

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<b>Address</b>	
<b>DA number</b>	
<b>Potential conflict</b>	
<b>Management Strategy</b>	



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## Director City Planning Report No. CP3/23

**Subject: Public Notification of Voluntary Planning Agreement - 111-125 Anzac Parade & 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington (DA/373/2020)**

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### Executive Summary


- A draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) has been prepared by Marsdens Law Group on behalf of Council to provide for, and secure, public benefits in connection with the Development Consent for DA/373/2020 for the land at Nos. 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington.
- The draft VPA has been proposed by the Developer as per the provisions under Randwick Local Environment Plan 2012 and contains a total contribution of approximately \$11.1 million comprising of:
  - \$3,628,050 for the community infrastructure contribution as works in kind & monetary contribution for dedication and fitout of a community innovation centre, bicycle parking facility, Green Grid links along Todman Avenue frontage;
  - \$2,252,827.60 for the Section 7.12 contribution as works in kind & monetary contribution for public art, undergrounding of overhead powerlines, footpath works including landscaping along Todman Avenue & Anzac Parade, cycleway; and
  - approximately \$5.4 million for the affordable housing to be paid as monetary contribution to Council.
- Relevant issues relating to the timing and adequacy of the VPA have been assessed and addressed in the preparation and review of the VPA.
- A letter of offer from the Developer was reported to the Council meeting on 23 March 2021 where Council resolved to accept the terms contained in the letter of offer subject to the Court granting approval to the development and the subsequent endorsement of a VPA.
- DA/810/2021 was approved by the Court on 17 June 2021.
- In accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the draft VPA was placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 17 February to 17 March 2023.
- No submission was received in response to the public exhibition.
- This report advises Council of the outcome of the public exhibition prior to Council entering into the VPA and recommends that Council enter into the deed with the Developer.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) agree to enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement in **Attachments 1 and 2** pursuant to Section 7.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; and
- b) authorise the General Manager to make minor drafting changes to the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement as required, prior to its execution.

**Attachment/s:**

1. VPA - 17/2/2023 Updated 5.9(2)b for public exhibition - 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue Kensington
2.  Explanatory Note - 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington

**Included under separate cover**

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## Purpose

This report provides the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the approved 18/19 storey mixed use development comprising ground and first floor commercial/retail premises including a 200sqm community innovation space and a boarding house to be used as student and key worker accommodation comprising 564 boarding rooms, basement parking for 37 cars, 122 motorcycles and 128 bicycles, associated landscape and public domain works at Nos. 111-125 Anzac Parade & 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington (see **Figure 1**), pursuant to Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).



**Figure 1: View of the approved development from the intersection of Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue (Source: SJB Architect)**

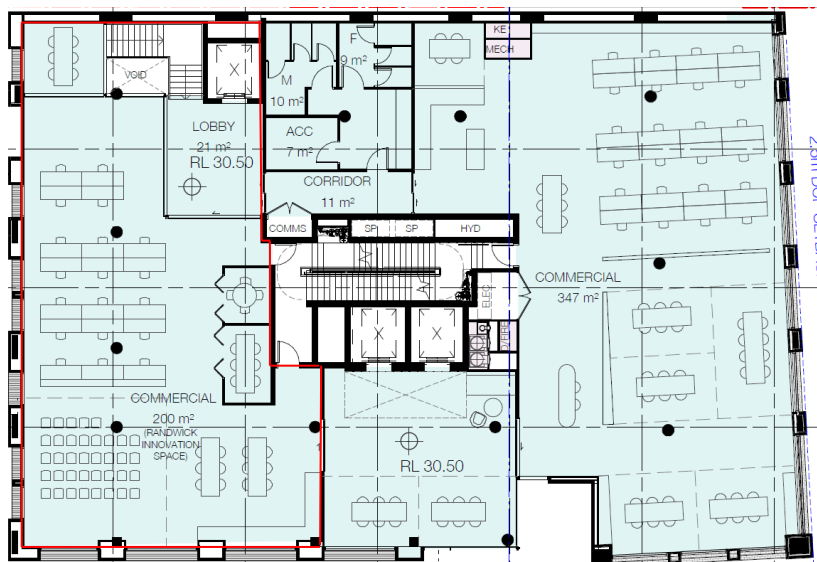
## Background

### Community Infrastructure Contributions Plan

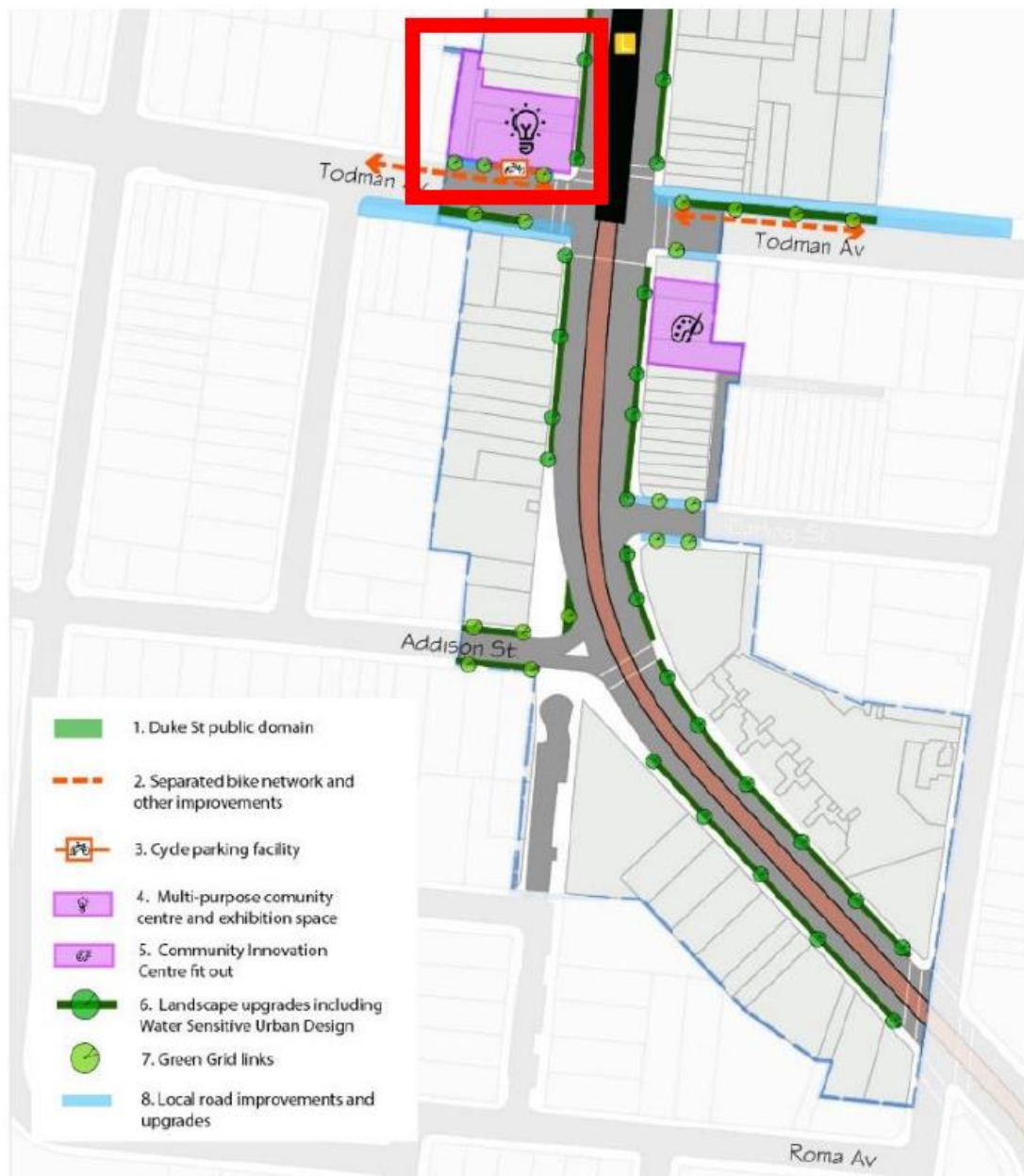
Council’s Community Infrastructure Plan (CIC) for the Kensington and Kingsford (K2K) town centres provides for infrastructure, public domain and physical facilities that support the growth and function of the town centres and benefit the existing and new population as well as the wider Randwick population. The total value of the infrastructure that would be provided for in the two town centres is approximately \$37 million. It is important to note that the CIC contribution is only applicable to that part of the development over 6/7 storeys as that was the maximum height under the previous standard. The proposed development is up to 18 storey with 4 storey street wall fronting Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue.

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

The mechanism for delivery the Community Infrastructure items listed in this Plan is through a VPA. The contributions would be made towards the dedication and fitout of a community innovation space (see **Figure 2**), cycleway, bicycle parking facility, Green Grid links along Todman Avenue frontage (see **Figure 3**).



**Figure 2: Floor plan showing dedicated community innovation space (marked in red line) (Source: SJB Architect)**



**Figure 3: Plan showing the proposed community infrastructure works**

**Affordable Housing**

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

**Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan: Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres**

This Plan applies to development on land that is subject to a development consent or a complying development certificate within the Kensington and Kingsford town centres. This Plan authorises Council to grant consent to development to which this Plan applies, subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay a levy based on the proposed cost of carrying out the development (i.e. 2.5% levy for cost of development greater than \$250,000).

The total cost of development (as submitted) is \$90,113,104 and the applicable Section 7.12 contribution levy is \$2,252,827.60, which would cover public art, undergrounding of overhead powerlines, footpath and landscaping works along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue frontages.

## Discussion

### Background

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

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

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

On 17 June 2021, the Land and Environment Court granted development consent for the development at Nos. 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington. In particular, the approved development incorporates the following components that would result in positive contribution to the public benefits of the community and the long term vitality of Kensington town centre:

- Provision of a community innovation space with minimum gross floor area of 200sqm;
- Provision of bike path, cycle parking facility, Green Grid links, footpath embellishments, widening, public realm works and landscape improvement works including WSUD along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue frontages (where relevant). Refer to Figure 1 above.
- Provision of a through site link on the subject site with access from Anzac Parade to improve pedestrian experience and allows permeability and better connections to main pedestrian and cycling networks within the Kensington town centre.
- Provision of a shared way along the rear boundary to facilitate future connectivity from Todman Avenue to Duke Street.
- Provision of monetary contribution for affordable housing to Council.

The draft VPA contains the monetary contributions for community infrastructure, Section 7.12 and affordable housing as required under Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The Community Infrastructure contribution is \$3,628,050 (being 7,638sqm of floor space payable at a rate of \$475/sqm), which will be paid as partial monetary contribution in lieu of bicycle parking facilities and upgrade of a portion of Green Grid links along the frontages of the site and dedication and fitout of a community innovation space.

The Section 7.12 contribution is \$2,252,827.60, which will be paid as works-in-kind for public art, undergrounding of overhead powerlines, footpath works including landscaping along Todman Avenue & Anzac Parade, cycleway, and approximate \$5.4 million will be paid to Council for the affordable housing.

The total value of all contributions including the Section 7.12 contributions and affordable housing for the approved development is approximately \$11.1 million.

### Public Exhibition

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

The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement and the Explanatory Note for the Voluntary Planning Agreement was publicly notified in the Sydney Morning Herald and on Council's website on Your Say Randwick and Randwick eNews for 28 days, from 17 February to 17 March 2023. During this time the website had:

- 171 visits.
- 6 downloads of the VPA.
- 4 downloads of the Explanatory Note for VPA.

As a result of the public exhibition, no submissions were received in relation to the draft VPA.

### Strategic alignment

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

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

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### Resourcing Strategy implications

N/A

### Policy and legislative requirements

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

### Conclusion

The draft VPA was publicly notified in accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the EP&A Act. As a result of the public exhibition, no submission was received in relation to the draft VPA.

The draft VPA has been prepared, duly processed and publicly notified in accordance with the EP&A Act and meets the principles and procedures of the Local Government Act and Council's Planning Agreement Policy. On this basis, it is recommended that Council enter into the deed with the Developer.

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**Responsible officer:** Frank Ko, Manager Development Assessment

**File Reference:** DA/373/2020

## Explanatory Note

### Planning Agreement

#### 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington

#### 1 Introduction

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- (1) The purpose of this Explanatory Note is to provide a plain English summary to support the notification of a draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (**Planning Agreement**) under s7.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) (**Act**).
- (2) This Explanatory Note has been prepared jointly between the parties as required by clause 205 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (**Regulations**).
- (3) This Explanatory Note is not to be used to assist in construing the Planning Agreement.

#### 2 Parties to the Planning Agreement

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The parties to the Planning Agreement are:

- (1) Randwick City Council (ABN 77 362 844 121) (**Council**); and
- (2) Perpetual Trustee Company Limited (ACN 000 001 007) (**Developer**).

#### 3 Description of the Land to which the Planning Agreement applies

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The Planning Agreement applies to the land comprising the following folio identifiers:

- (1) 3/DP3897.
- (2) 1/SP87347.
- (3) 1/DP938380.
- (4) 4/DP655026.
- (5) A/DP107256.
- (6) B/DP107256.
- (7) 1/DP956200.
- (8) 3/SP87347.
- (9) 1/DP956200.
- (10) 2/DP344524.

located at 111-125 Anzac Parade and 112 Todman Avenue, Kensington (**Land**).

#### 4 Description of the Development to which the Planning Agreement applies

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- (3) The Planning Agreement relates to the development generally described in Development Consent No. DA/373/2020 (**Development Consent**) which authorises development consisting of demolition of existing structures and construction of a mixed-use development up to nineteen (19) storeys,

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comprising basement parking, ground and first floor level commercial/retail use and a boarding house to be used as student and key worker accommodation comprising 564 boarding rooms, a roof-top pool, signage, public plaza, earthworks, landscaping, and associated works (Development).

## 5 Summary of Public Benefit, Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Planning Agreement

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The Developer is required to provide the following Public Benefit in accordance with the Planning Agreement.

The Developer will:

- (1) provide the following Works:
  - (a) Provision of Public Art in accordance with Council's Public Art Strategy by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (b) Undergrounding of overhead power lines to zones that directly border with the subject site by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (c) Footpath works including landscaping along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue directly adjacent to the subject site by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (d) Fit out of Community Innovation Centre prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development;
- (2) provide the following Contributions:
  - (a) In lieu of provision of Public Art in accordance with Council's Public Art Strategy by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (b) In lieu of undergrounding of overhead power lines to zones that directly border with the subject site by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (c) In lieu of footpath works including landscaping along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue directly adjacent to the subject site by the earlier of twenty-four (24) months from the date the relevant Construction Certificate is issued or the issue of the first Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (d) In lieu of the fit out of Community Innovation Centre prior to the issue of the third Construction Certificate in respect of the Development.
  - (e) A Monetary Contribution in lieu of cycleway and Cycle Parking Facility including \$137,512 of s7.12 contributions prior to the issue of the third Construction Certificate in respect of the Development.

- (f) A Monetary Contribution to be used for the upgrade of the portion of the Green Grid Links prior to the issue of the third Construction Certificate in respect of the Development;
- (3) provide an Affordable Housing Levy Contribution prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development; and
- (4) grant a long term Lease to Council for occupation of the Community Innovation Centre prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate in respect of the Development.

The **objective** of the Planning Agreement is to provide a material public benefit to be applied towards community infrastructure.

The **nature** of the Planning Agreement is a contractual relationship between the Council and the Developer for providing the Public Benefit.

The **effect** of the Planning Agreement is that the Developer will provide the Public Benefit in the manner provided for by the Planning Agreement (as applicable).

## 6 Assessment of the Merits of the Planning Agreement and Impact on the Public

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The Planning Agreement promotes:

- (1) the public interest; and
- (2) the Objects of the Act.

The Planning Agreement will provide a material public benefit to be applied towards community infrastructure and also provides a benefit by way of monetary contributions, including towards affordable housing.

## 7 Identification of how the Planning Agreement promotes the public interest

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The Planning Agreement supports the public interest in the following ways:

- (1) By facilitating the improvement of public infrastructure to be utilised by the broader community.
- (2) By promoting the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment.
- (3) By providing increased opportunity for community participation in environmental planning and assessment.
- (4) To promote the orderly and economic use and development of land.
- (5) To promote the delivery and maintenance of affordable housing.

## 8 How the Planning Agreement promotes the Guiding Principles for Councils

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The Planning Agreement promotes a number of the Guiding Principles for Councils under section 8A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), as follows:

- (1) To plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.

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## Director City Planning Report No. CP4/23

**Subject: Public Notification of Voluntary Planning Agreement - 172-180 Anzac Parade & 116R Todman Avenue, Kensington (DA/414/2020)**

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### Executive Summary


- A draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) has been prepared by Marsdens Law Group on behalf of Council to provide for, and secure, public benefits in connection with the Development Consent for DA/414/2020 for the land at Nos. 172-180 Anzac Parade and 116R Todman Avenue, Kensington.
- The draft VPA has been proposed by the Developer as per the provisions under Randwick Local Environment Plan 2012 and contains a total contribution of approximately \$4.6 million comprising of:
  - \$1,619,750 for the community infrastructure to be paid as monetary contribution to Council;
  - \$925,320 for the Section 7.12 contribution levy as a monetary contribution and works-in-kind for the footpath works including landscaping along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue; and
  - Approximately \$2.1 million for the affordable housing to be paid as monetary contribution to Council.
- Relevant issues relating to the timing and adequacy of the VPA have been assessed and addressed in the preparation and review of the VPA.
- A letter of offer from the Developer was reported to the Council meeting on 27 April 2021 where Council resolved to accept the terms contained in the letter of offer subject to the Court granting approval to the development and the subsequent endorsement of a VPA.
- DA/414/2021 was approved by the Court on 17 June 2021.
- In accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the draft VPA was placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 17 February to 17 March 2023.
- A submission was received in response to the public exhibition.
- This report advises Council of the outcome of the public exhibition prior to Council entering into the VPA and recommends that Council enter into the deed with the Developer.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) agree to enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement in **Attachments 1 and 2** pursuant to Section 7.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; and
- b) authorise the General Manager to make minor drafting changes to the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement as required, prior to its execution.

**Attachment/s:**

1. Todman Voluntary Planning Agreement - 172-180 Anzac Parade Kensington
2.  Explanatory Note - 172 – 180 Anzac Parade & 116R Todman Avenue, Kensington

**Included under separate cover**

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## Purpose

This report provides the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the approved 17 storey mixed use development comprising ground and first floor commercial/retail premises and a boarding house to be used as student and key worker accommodation comprising 175 boarding rooms, basement parking for 10 cars, 36 motorcycles and 36 bicycles, associated landscape and public domain works at Nos. 172-180 Anzac Parade & 116R Todman Avenue, Kensington (see **Figure 1**), pursuant to Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).



**Figure 1: View of the approved development from the intersection of Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue (Source: BVN Architects)**

## Background

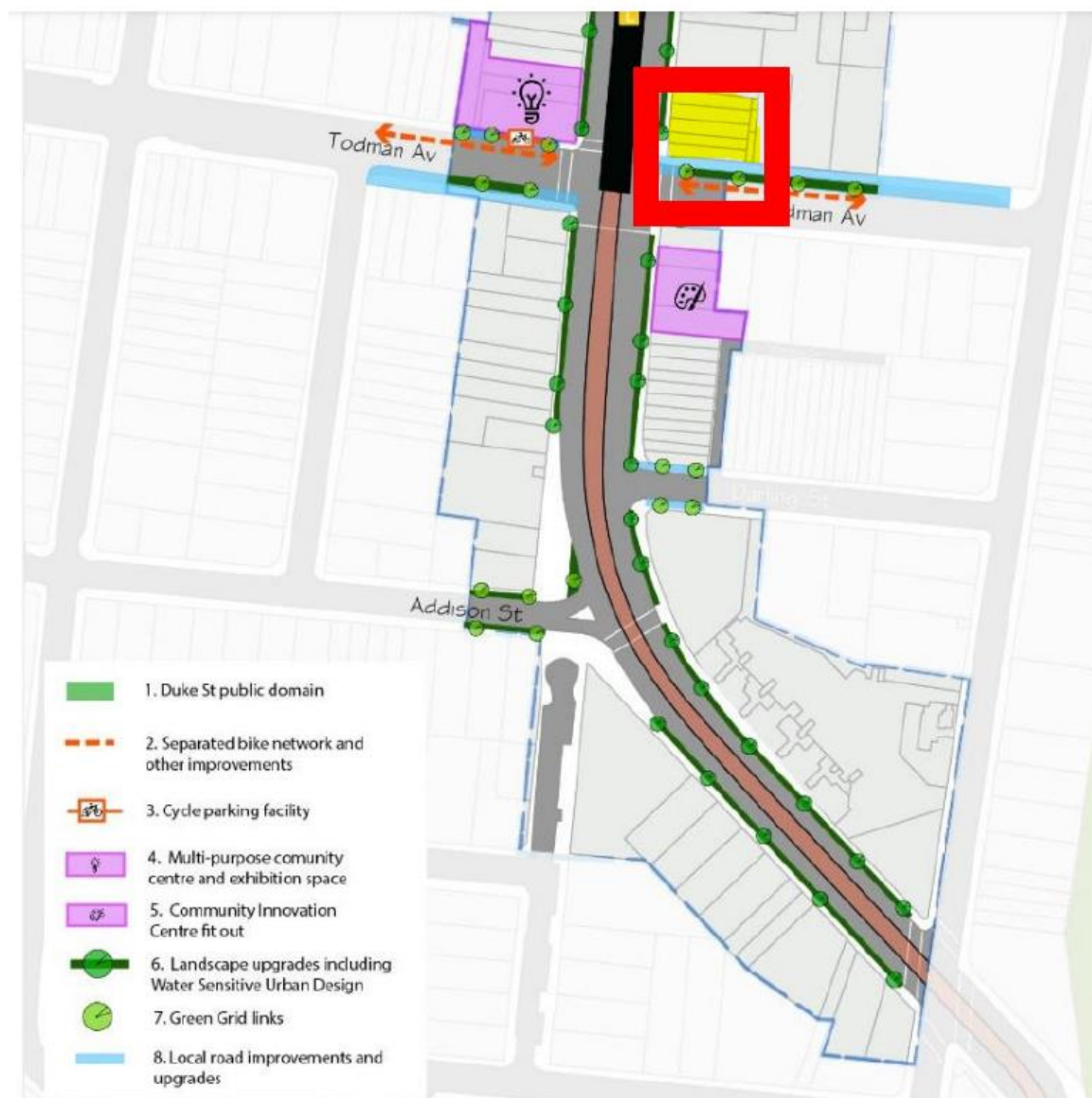
### Community Infrastructure Contributions Plan

Council's Community Infrastructure Plan (CIC) for the Kensington and Kingsford town centres provides for infrastructure, public domain and physical facilities that support the growth and function

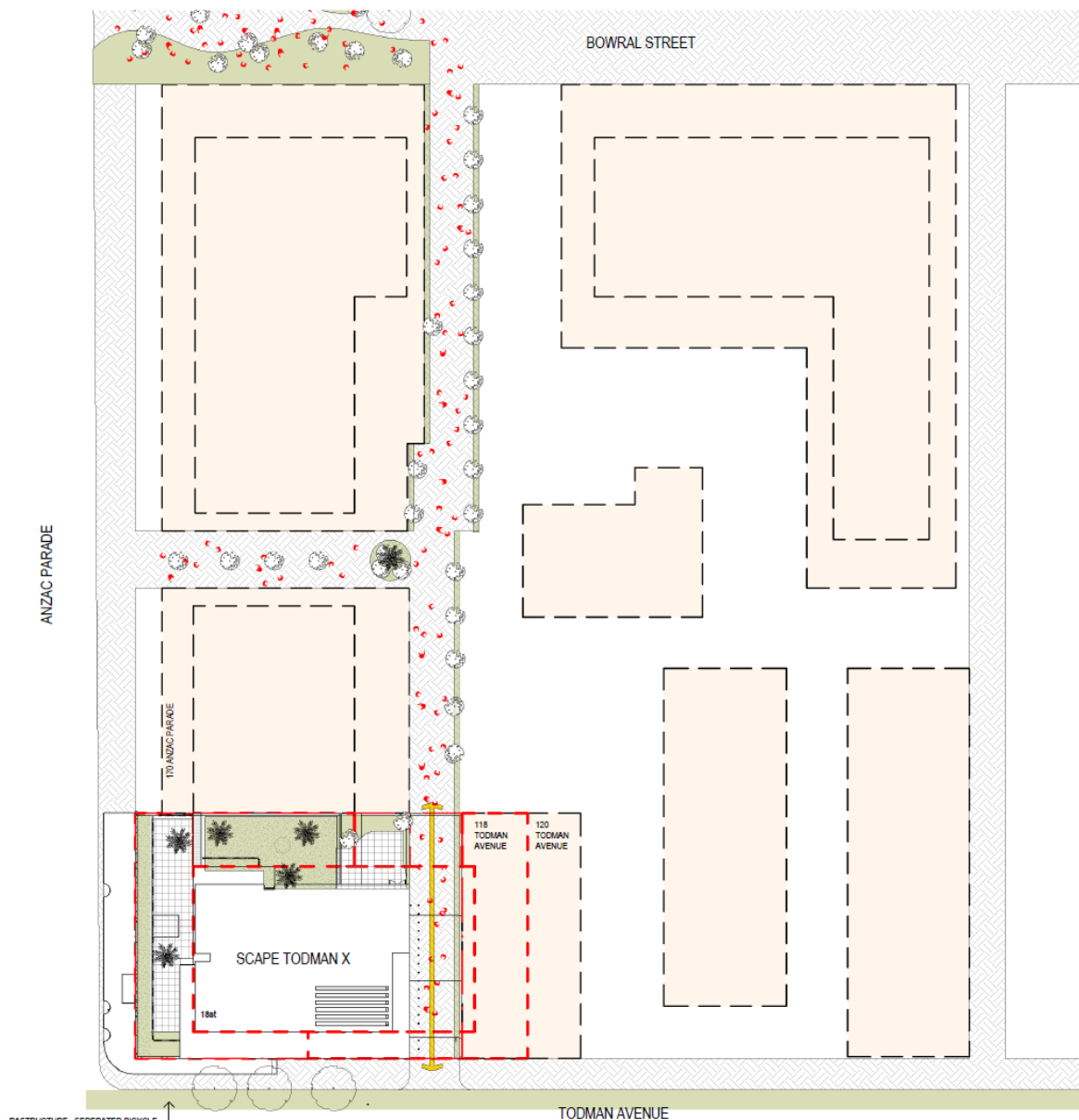
of the town centres and benefit the existing and new population as well as the wider Randwick population. The total value of the infrastructure that would be provided for in the two town centres is approximately \$37 million. It is important to note that the CIC contribution is only applicable to that part of the development over 6 storeys as that was the maximum height under the previous standard. The proposed development is up to 17 storey with 4 storey street wall fronting Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue.

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

The mechanism for delivery the Community Infrastructure items listed in this Plan is through a VPA. The contributions would be made towards the provision of local road improvements and upgrades including separate bike network, landscape upgrades including but not limited to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) works (see **Figure 2**).



**Figure 2: Plan showing the proposed community infrastructure works**



**Figure 3: Site plan showing approved development including a through site link (brown arrow) to connect to Bowral Street Plaza in future (Source: BVN Architect)**

**Affordable Housing**

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

**Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan: Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres**

This Plan applies to development on land that is subject to a development consent or a complying development certificate within the Kensington and Kingsford town centres. This Plan authorises Council to grant consent to development to which this Plan applies, subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay a levy based on the proposed cost of carrying out the development (i.e. 2.5% levy for cost of development greater than \$250,000).

The total cost of development (as submitted) is \$37,012,800 and the applicable Section 7.12 contribution levy to be paid to Council prior to the issue of a construction certificate would be \$925,320.

## Discussion

### Background

A letter of offer provided by the Developer was reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 27 April 2021, at which Council made the following resolution:

*(Parker/Matson) that Council agrees to the terms contained in the attached letter of offer subject to;*

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

On 17 June 2021, the Land and Environment Court granted development consent for the development at Nos. 1172-180 Anzac Parade & 116R Todman Avenue, Kensington. In particular, the approved development incorporates the following components that would result in positive contribution to the public benefits of the community and the long term vitality of Kensington town centre:

- Provision of footpath embellishments, widening, public realm works and landscape improvement works including WSUD along Anzac Parade & Todman Avenue frontages (see **Figure 2**).
- Provision of a through site link on the subject site with access from Todman Avenue to improve pedestrian experience and allows permeability and better connections to main pedestrian and cycling networks within the Kensington town centre (see **Figure 3**).
- Provision of monetary contribution for affordable housing to Council.

The draft VPA contains the monetary contributions for community infrastructure, Section 7.12 and affordable housing as required under Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The Community Infrastructure contribution is \$1,619,750 (being 3,410sqm of floor space payable at a rate of \$475/sqm), which will be paid as monetary contribution.

The Section 7.12 contribution is \$925,320, which will be provided as a monetary contribution and works-in-kind for footpath works including landscaping along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue frontages; and approximately \$2.1 million will be paid to Council for the affordable housing.

The total value of all contributions including the Section 7.12 contributions and affordable housing for the approved development is approximately \$4.6 million.

### Public Exhibition

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

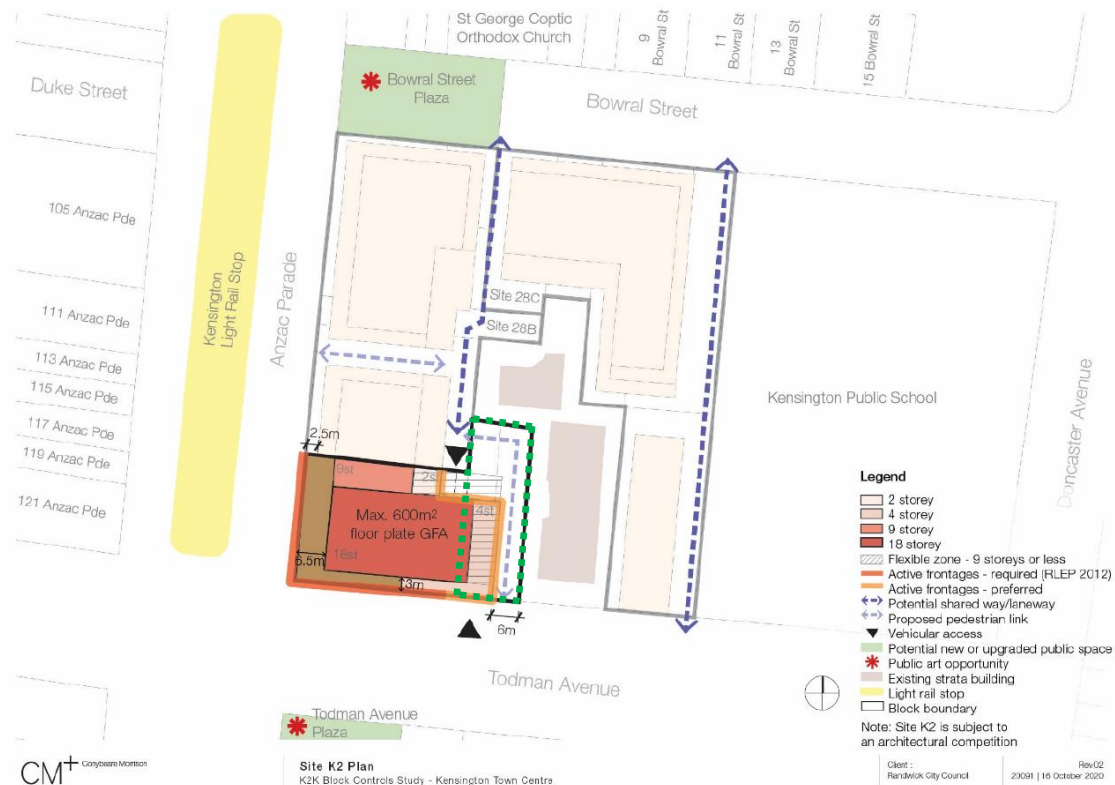
The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement and the Explanatory Note for the Voluntary Planning Agreement was publicly notified in the Sydney Morning Herald and on Council's website on Your Say Randwick and Randwick eNews for 28 days, from 17 February to 17 March 2023. During this time the website had:

- 171 visits.
- 26 downloads of the VPA.
- 6 downloads of the Explanatory Note for VPA.

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

No.	Issue	Comment
1	<p>In circumstances where payment of a monetary contribution does not satisfy the requirements of Clause 6.17(2) of the RLEP for the proposed development to include community infrastructure on the site, the consent authority does not have the power to grant consent to the development on the basis of the additional building height or floor space ratio in Clause 6.17(4) of the RLEP.</p> <p>Council have purported that the K2 strategic node does not include the sites at 118 and 120 Todman Avenue Kensington under the RLEP 2012. This is not correct and unlawful. And Council need to address it immediately.</p>	<p>As shown in <b>Figure 4</b> below, Nos. 118 and 120 Todman Avenue are part of the K2 site. These two properties were unable to be acquired by the developer prior to the DA lodgement, during the DA assessment and Court proceedings. Notwithstanding, the inclusion of these two properties as part of the development site was not a prerequisite for applying the community infrastructure under Clause 6.17 of the RLEP.</p> <p>The objectives of Clause 6.17 are to allow greater building heights and densities where community infrastructure is also provided and to reflect the desired character of the Kensington town centre.</p> <p>The approved development includes additional height and density as envisaged by the RLEP/K2K DCP and incorporates community infrastructure on site, therefore, satisfies the criteria of Clause 6.17.</p> <p>In addition, the developer has provided sufficient information to demonstrate how these two properties can be developed on their own and the Court was satisfied that the information provided by the developer was adequate and meets all the relevant assessment criteria.</p> <p>Council Officers have also discussed the development potential with the owners of these properties and no development proposal has been submitted to Council for consideration to date.</p>

**K2 Site**



**Figure 4: K2 site (Nos. 118-120 Todman Avenue shown in green dashed line)**

**Strategic alignment**

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

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

**Resourcing Strategy implications**

N/A

**Policy and legislative requirements**

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

**Conclusion**

The draft VPA was publicly notified in accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the EP&A Act. As a result of the public exhibition, no submission was received in relation to the draft VPA.

The draft VPA has been prepared, duly processed and publicly notified in accordance with the EP&A Act and meets the principles and procedures of the Local Government Act and Council's Planning

Agreement Policy. On this basis, it is recommended that Council enter into the deed with the Developer.

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**Responsible officer:** Frank Ko, Manager Development Assessment

**File Reference:** DA/414/2020

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## Director City Services Report No. CS6/23

**Subject: Improving Drainage Options on Anzac Parade between Lawson Street and Hillary Parade, Matraville**

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### Executive Summary

- Following recent storm events in 2023, drainage issues have been identified at Anzac Parade between Lawson Street and Hillary Parade, Matraville and Lenthall Street, Kensington.
- Investigations have since been completed in regard to the identified drainage issues and several short-term solutions at Anzac Parade are recommended to alleviate the immediate flooding issue. Council will further investigate longer term solutions to a potential wider network issue.
- Council officers have previously investigated short term options at Lenthall Street but found it was not feasible.
- It is planned to submit a grant application to conduct a detailed investigation and feasibility study for mitigation options of the drainage on Lenthall Street Kensington, immediately east of Southern Cross Drive.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) implement the short-term solutions at Anzac Parade and investigate longer term solutions to wider drainage issue.
- b) submits a grant application through the 2023-24 NSW Department of Planning and Environment floodplain management program to commence a detailed investigation and feasibility study of the drainage in Lenthall Street Kensington, immediately east of Southern Cross Drive.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to a council resolution in relation to drainage issues at Anzac Parade between Lawson Street and Hillary Parade, Matraville and at Lenthall Street, Kensington.

## Discussion

At its meeting held on 28 February 2023, Council resolved as follows:

*“(Chapple/D’Souza) that:*

- (a) Council officers urgently bring back a report with solutions to improve drainage options for Anzac Parade between Lawson Street and Hillary Parade in consultation with residents who have experienced significant flooding to properties in recent weeks; and*
- (b) Council also urgently engages in a detailed investigation/design regarding drainage on Lenthall Street Kensington, immediately east of Southern Cross Drive. As Southern Cross Drive is the LGA boundary with the City of Sydney, we work a collaboratively with them to establish the best course of action.*

## Anzac Parade

### Short Term Approach

Following recent rain events of moderate intensity, flooding was experienced along Anzac Parade between Lawson Street and Hillary Parade. The storm caused localised flooding along the western portion of Anzac Parade and the consequential land slip on the eastern side of the median strip along Anzac Parade. The flooding caused nuisance flooding and the landslip resulted in soil being washed onto the southern carriageway of Anzac Parade.

Following this event, Council organised a condition assessment via CCTV on 22 March 2023 of the drainage network by our contractor. CCTV footage was reviewed, and the drainage network was assessed to be in fair condition. No blockages of the pipes were noted at the time of inspection.

Based on the site investigation, a review of the drainage network was undertaken including the layout and size of the pipes, and the CCTV survey. The assessment concluded that:

- The sag pit located in the driveway of 1185 Anzac is draining a catchment of more than 2,000m<sup>2</sup>. This pit is a double grated pit and can get blocked easily. If this pit is blocked, water will start ponding and flooding will occur.
- A first assessment of the stormwater network downstream of this pit concluded that the network may be undersized, with two 525mm pipe and one 375mm pipe running into a 600mm pipe. This will need to be confirmed based on a hydraulic model.

To improve drainage at that location and reduce the risk of flooding, Council will implement short- and medium-term mitigation measures. The short-term actions are aimed at reducing the risk of blockage at the sag point and the risk of flooding during minor storms. Council will undertake the following civil works:

- A new kerb inlet with a 2.4m lintel will be built at the low point, just south of the existing pit located in front of 1185 Anzac Parade.
- This new pit will be connected with a 450mm pipe to the existing pit.
- These works are planned to start mid-March 2023

The short-term solutions proposed have been discussed with the affected owner and the owner is supportive of Council’s plan. It is important to note that the downstream capacity of the network will not be changed at this stage. Flooding may still occur during larger storm events that exceed the capacity of the underground network. However, the aim of the medium-term approach is to investigate this matter further through hydraulic modelling to understand what actions or solutions can be implemented to reduce this risk.

**Medium term approach**

The existing pit may have been potentially blocked due to sand laden runoff. Following the pit installation and provided the existing stormwater system is then maintained and kept clean, additional pipe network upgrades may be a lower priority.

Lenthall Street

Lenthall Street is within the West Kensington catchment and included in a Flood Study of the Green Square – West Kensington catchment. The south-western end of Lenthall Street, underneath Southern Cross Drive is a location which can be subject to flash flooding in rain events with a 50% Annual Exceedance Probability (approximately 1 in 2-year storm events). The flooding occurs because of the topography and the limited capacity of the existing drainage network, creating a trapped low point.

In 2019, Council officers undertook an analysis of the drainage infrastructure capacity and noted that there were smaller diameter pipes downstream of the upstream pipe on the north- western side of the road.

Installation of larger diameter stormwater pipes was investigated but could not be accommodated due to underground services that do not provide adequate clearance. At the time, Council was ere unable to develop other options that were feasible. It will require a more detailed investigation / design covering a larger area and number of trunk drainage lines and pits. The Floodplain Risk Management Plan suggests investigating the construction of a detention basin within the Australian Golf Course. This option will be subject to extensive negotiation with the Golf Club. Southern Cross Drive is the LGA boundary with the City of Sydney. Any downstream upgrade options of the drainage network will involve collaboration with the City of Sydney.

Council officers are planning to submit a grant application through the 2023-24 NSW Department of Planning and Environment grant program to engage consultants that can develop mitigation options and conduct a feasibility study.

**Strategic alignment**

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Technical Services
Function	Floodplain Management
Delivery program commitment	Manage catchments within the LGA to reduce the risk of flooding to people and properties

**Resourcing Strategy implications**

Short term financial implications will be covered under the current 2022-23 Road Services Budget for Drainage maintenance.

The Lenthall Street investigation is estimated at \$80,000 - \$100,000. The funding for this work is subject to a grant from the NSW grant funding for flood mitigation works. Council will have to contribute 25% of the project estimate to supplement the grant funding. Funds are available from the current drainage capital works program.

**Policy and legislative requirements**

- Local Government Act,1993
- NSW Floodplain Development Manual
- Green Square – West Kensington Floodplain Risk Management Plan and Study

## Conclusion

Council will undertake immediate drainage works in the vicinity of 1185 Anzac Parade, Matraville, to mitigate the risk of flooding during minor storms. Council will also commence drainage investigation of the area and will prepare a hydraulic model of the drainage network to propose mitigation options to reduce the risk of flooding at that location.

The Lenthall Street flood mitigation feasibility study will be nominated for funding in the 2023-24 NSW Department of Planning and Environment grant program.

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**Responsible officer:** Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

**File Reference:** F2019/00865

## Director City Services Report No. CS7/23

### Subject: Draft Matraville Public Domain Master Plan and Public Exhibition Outcomes

#### Executive Summary



- Council officers have been developing the Matraville Public Domain Master Plan and conducted community consultation at key milestones. The second stage of community consultation and public exhibition for the Draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan (PDMP) have been completed.
- Stage 1 of community consultation identified community values, issues and obtained an insight from the community on improvements, upgrades and initiatives for the Matraville Town Centre. Stage 1 consultation was held in September 2021. The consultation feedback was incorporated into the development of the Draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan (PDMP) and Implementation Plan.
- Stage 2 of community consultation focused on informing the community of the draft Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation Plan and gathering their feedback. The public exhibition was conducted between 6 December 2022 and 6 February 2023.
- The public exhibition feedback has been documented in the Stage 2 Community Consultation Report (Attachment 1).
- The draft Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation Plan has been finalised accordingly (Attachments 2 and 3).

#### Recommendation

That.

- a) Council adopts the draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation Plan and;
- b) key components identified in the Short-Term Plan of the Implementation Plan proceed to Concept Design and added to the draft 2023 -24 capital works program.

#### Attachment/s:

1.  Community Consultation Report - February 2023
2. Final Draft Public Domain Master Plan **Included under separate cover**
3.  Final Draft Implementation Plan

## Purpose

On 13 of December 2022, Council resolved:

*“(Burst/Said) that:*

- a) *Council notes the Matraville Town Centre Engagement Outcomes Report (Stage 1);*
- b) *Council endorses the Draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan for Public Exhibition; and*
- c) *the final Draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan be brought back to Council for adoption.”*

This report outlines the outcomes of the public exhibition on the draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan (PDMP) and Implementation Plan. The report seeks endorsement of the draft masterplan.

## Discussion

### Background

Matraville is a local urban centre with the town centre generally located along Bunnerong Road, between Beauchamp Road and Franklin Street. The centre provides local convenience and some specialty retail and dining. It is a car-dominated destination and lacks pedestrian amenity. It also lacks a distinctive identity as a local place.

For some time, the local community and business owners have requested that Council undertake improvements to the town centre. It should be noted that Bunnerong Road is classified as a State Road with the carriageway managed by TfNSW. This creates constraints in the planning and development potential within the precinct.

The proposed PDMP has a 10-year focus for the delivery of certain improvements and outlines the ultimate vision for Matraville which is included as a 20-year aspirational aim for the precinct. The Implementation Plan includes short, medium, and long-term proposals.

### Community Consultation Scope

Engagement with the community and key stakeholders has been a key component in the development of the draft PDMP. This plan seeks to enhance the image and amenity of the Matraville town centre through the future reconfiguration of Bunnerong Road, the provision of street trees, new paving, furniture, landscaping, as well as new public spaces that are attractive, safe, and vibrant.

The development of the masterplan involved Council working with the Transport for NSW “Movement and Place” team to obtain overall general support for the direction and key components of the masterplan. Many proposals identified will require a formal approval process via Transport for NSW before physical works can be undertaken.

The following summarises the Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan community consultation that has been undertaken for this project:

There were two stages of community engagement conducted:

- Stage 1 was undertaken between 1 September 2021 and 30 September 2021. It included comprehensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders to understand their issues, gather views and seek suggestions for the precinct.
- Stage 2 was undertaken between 6 December 2022 and 6 February 2023. It included public exhibition to seek feedback on the draft masterplan which was developed utilising the initial community feedback from the stage 1 consultation.

The outcome of this public exhibition is summarised in the Community Consultation Report (Refer Attachment 1).

The community engagement activities undertaken in Stage 2 were:

- Dedicated consultation website to view the masterplan and make a submission
- Four-page information sheet dropped into all residential and business mailboxes in Matraville
- Posters in the town centre
- Pop-ups in the town centre: 20 December 2022, 19 January 2023 and 23 January 2023
- Email to Your Say subscribers: 6 December 2022
- Randwick News (weekly email): Weekly listing during consultation period
- Facebook posts: 29 December 2022, 18 and 22 January 2023
- Presentation to Matraville Precinct meeting: 13 February 2023
- Letter to key stakeholders
- Media release
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

A dedicated 'Your Say' Randwick website was created to exhibit the draft masterplan and implementation plan and receive feedback from the community. The website was launched on 6 December 2022 and was open for 63 days, closing 6 February 2023.

During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 1997 unique visitors to the Your Say site
- 880 downloads of the draft Public Domain Masterplan
- 671 downloads of the draft Implementation Plan
- 304 downloads of the draft Masterplan summary
- 44 submissions, plus a further 11 submissions sent via email to Council
- At total of 44 survey submissions were received via the Your Say website
- A reach of 16,553 users on Facebook
- A reach of 6,719 on Instagram

## **Outcomes of Stage 2 Consultation**

### Community Feedback

Engagement data indicated a broad level of support for the exhibited draft Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation Plan. Overall, 56% of respondents were happy with the draft Masterplan, 15% were neutral and 29% were unhappy.

Those that were happy expressed interest for the following features of the Masterplan:

- Widened footpaths on Bunnerong Road
- New public spaces for community use
- New active transport connections
- Speed limit reduction on Bunnerong Road
- Increased greening throughout the Town Centre.

Those that were unhappy raised issues and suggestions relation to:

- The perception that the Masterplan will increase traffic within the Town Centre
- Concerns over parking within the Town Centre
- Concerns over the timing to implement the long-term vision.

In addition, community feedback indicated a desire to undertake components found within the short-term phase of the implementation plan as soon as possible. These include:

- Improved median strip planting
- Upgrading substandard paving, street furniture and access ramps
- Additional pedestrian crossings
- Speed limit reduction of Bunnerong Road

Feedback from on-site pop-ups

Generally, the community support transforming Matraville into a pedestrian friendly and healthy Town Centre including:

- Implement short term improvements as soon as possible
- Concerns over loss parking and traffic within the Town Centre
- Work with local business owners to improve street frontage facades and signage

Specific feedback was gained from some Community groups and agencies, and these are summarised below.

Matraville Precinct Committee

Generally, support transforming Matraville into a pedestrian friendly and healthy Town Centre including

- Implement short term improvements as soon as possible
- Concerns over loss parking and traffic
- Concerns over heavy vehicle movement

NSW Health

Commended the commitment of Randwick City Council on the draft masterplan and the noted that the design principles support long term incremental improvements in community health outcomes.

BikeEAST

Generally, in support improving pedestrian and cycling amenity in the Town Centre, including

- Increased pedestrian crossing times and bicycle lanterns at intersections
- Support the reduction of speed limit
- Suggest shared pathways for the Medium-Term Implementation Plan.

St Agnes School

Generally, supportive of the Masterplan and agreed to work with Council to implement its objectives.

**Summary of Draft Matraville Public Domain Masterplan (PDMP)**

The PDMP is a 20-year vision to guide future public domain improvement works necessary to strengthen the Matraville Local Centre. The draft Plan identifies opportunities for improvements to the streetscape, the creation of new and improved public spaces, improved pedestrian connectivity with a strong pedestrian spine along Bunnerong Road.

The following is a summary of the benefits of the Matraville Town Centre PDMP:

- Bunnerong Road to become a pedestrian friendly and leafy precinct with widened footpaths, outdoor dining, plaza areas and generous street tree plantings
- New community spaces at Baird Ave Car Park and St Agnes School Bunnerong Road
- Improved pedestrian safety with new pedestrian crossings and proposed reduction of speed limit on Bunnerong Road and surrounding streets
- Celebration of Indigenous culture through public art
- Celebration of local culture through public art
- New and robust street furniture and paving
- Additional street tree plantings throughout the Town Centre precinct
- Upgraded arcade connecting the Baird Ave precinct to Bunnerong Road.
- Allocation for future active transport connections and associated cycling infrastructure
- Improvements to existing bus stops, with new furniture and boarding facilities
- Potential for heavy vehicles to be redirected away from the Town Centre
- Gateway / markers to create a sense of arrival into the Town Centre precinct

It should be acknowledged that part of this long-term plan depends upon the future nature of movements along Bunnerong Road, and that reducing traffic congestion and reducing freight movements away from the town centre will play a critical role in town centre placemaking.

## Implementation Plan

As part of the draft PDMP, an Implementation Plan has been developed to assist in the delivery of the improvements. A staged approach is necessary as it allows for practical steps to be taken in the short-term, with commitment to long-term investment to achieve the vision and major changes.

Three stages of design and development are proposed for Matraville public domain, which are:

- **Small:** Base Concept - practical actions, short-term investment, improvements, and upgrades
- **Medium:** Balanced Concept - feasible actions, mid-term investment, value adding improvements
- **Large:** Vision Concept - bold actions, longer-term investment, re-structuring

The following details the major components included in each of the stages:

### Short-Term (0-5 years)

- Improve median strip planting with native and low water use species and increase tree canopy coverage
- Upgrade sub-standard paving, street furniture and access ramps where necessary
- Addition of gateway art and lighting at either end of Bunnerong Rd
- Upgrade of existing playground equipment at Baird Reserve and activation of Baird Ave carpark with a temporary program
- Additional pedestrian crossings where missing
- Commence process to reduce speed through Town Centre to 40km/h
- Work with local business owners to improve street frontage facades and signage
- Undertake surveys, modelling, relevant studies and identify further approvals needed for road cross section reconfiguration in preparation for medium term implementation

### Medium-Term (5-10 years)

- Restructuring of Bunnerong Rd - including removal of median, continuous planting and addition of planting bulb outs at regular intervals down Bunnerong Rd
- New paving of widened footpaths along Bunnerong Rd, with additional street furniture
- Additional lighting at key places and gateways along Bunnerong Rd
- Development of Baird Avenue Car park with a new community facility and improved link to playground and arcade
- Expanded plaza in front of St Agnes Church & School
- Seek to create a new through site link connecting between Bunnerong Rd and Hunter Ave
- Potential cycleway zone down each side of Bunnerong Rd and a vehicle speed reduction
- Continue working with local businesses to continue facade upgrades and removal of outdated signage
- Underground powerlines around key places

### Long-Term Vision (20 years)

- New public art at gateways and key places along Bunnerong Rd, that reflect Matraville's identity
- New smart lighting poles along Bunnerong Rd and catenary lighting at gateways
- Widen footpaths and upgrade plazas along Bunnerong Road to create additional space around intersections
- Convert signalised crossings at Bunnerong Rd/Daunt Ave to raised intersection.
- New separated cycleway lane along Bunnerong Rd
- Gateway and central spine signage and treatment along Bunnerong Rd to give pedestrian priority

## Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with diverse, active places for businesses, including vibrant town and neighbourhood centres
Objective	Ensure 86% or more of our community are satisfied* with the vitality of town centres by 2032
Delivery program commitment	Implement place management plans that reflect the unique character of town centres to guide planning, marketing and activation initiatives that nurture small business by 2030.
Delivery program commitment	Identify and prepare 3 business cases for prioritised public space improvement or activation projects to leverage State and Federal Government funding opportunities as they arise by 2023.

### Resourcing Strategy implications

The next steps to deliver improvements to the Matraville Town Centre would be to identify budget in a future capital works program for the following:

- Comprehensive land survey for areas to be improved in the short term - \$50,000
- Procurement of design services to undertake design and documentation of short-term improvements - \$200,000.

Funding for planning and implementation will be nominated in future capital works programs.

### Policy and legislative requirements

- Randwick City Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032
- Randwick City Council, Vision 2040, Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)
- Randwick City Council Economic Development Strategy May 2022
- Randwick City Council, Arts and Culture Strategy

Other relevant NSW government plans and policies including:

- Future Transport 2056, Southeast Sydney Transport Strategy 2020
- Draft NSW Public Spaces Charter: Healthy and Active
- Sydney green grid plan 4 central district 2017

### Conclusion

The consultation feedback indicates that the community and key external stakeholders are generally in support of the draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation Plan. Engagement participants especially loved the introduction of new street trees, widened footpaths, bicycle infrastructure and new public spaces.

The community noted concerns over traffic, parking, and heavy vehicle movement through the Town Centre. Council officers note that long term enhancements to Bunnerong Road will be subject to future transport studies and State Government approvals, particularly Transport NSW. Issues around parking and traffic will require comprehensive study as projects arise from the masterplan.

In addition, community feedback indicated a desire to undertake components found within the short-term phase of the implementation plan as soon as possible. These include:

- Improved median strip planting
- Upgrading substandard paving, street furniture and access ramps
- Additional pedestrian crossings
- Speed limit reduction of Bunnerong Road
- Work with local business owners to improve street frontage facades and signage

It is recommended that draft Matraville Town Centre Public Domain Masterplan and Implementation plan are adopted by Council, and key components identified in the short-term stage of the Implementation Plan implemented through future capital works programs.

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**Responsible officer:** Kerry Colquhoun, Coordinator Open Space Assets

**File Reference:** F2021/00234



























































































































## Director City Services Report No. CS8/23

**Subject: Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street - Centennial Park to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Improvements Project (K2CP) - Proposed Intersection Intervention**

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### Executive Summary

- In 2018, Council considered the concept plans for the Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements project.
- In late 2021, The Australian and NSW Government announced the allocation of funding to deliver this project for Randwick City Council and the construction commenced.
- As of February 2023, the majority of stormwater drainage, footpaths, kerb and gutters, pram ramps and driveways works are completed and the first section of the cycleway along Doncaster Avenue, from Anzac Parade southward, is being constructed.
- Council Officers have been reconsidering the design solution(s) on the Kensington to Kingsford Cycleway, specifically at the Doncaster Ave and Ascot Street intersection.
- Council has developed Concept Designs of roundabout options and consultants have been engaged to undertake the necessary assessments to determine the feasibility and operational impacts of the proposed designs.
- In cooperation with the Council, the ATC agreed to trial a westbound left-turn only restriction for motorists at Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection to assess the operational conditions. This trial has recently been conducted.
- Following further design development and stakeholder consultation, detailed design of the Roundabout design option(s) will be produced.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the Raised Roundabout Concept Design 1 and Roundabout Concept Design 2 to proceed to final design assessment and detailed design for construction;
- b) note a subsequent report will be brought back to Council with the outcome of the design assessment and Detailed Design prior to moving to construction; and
- c) make representations to the NSW for Transport, regarding financial assistance for the final construction project costs.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

## Purpose

Council Officers have been reconsidering the design solution(s) on the Kensington to Kingsford Cycleway, specifically at the Doncaster Ave and Ascot Street intersection.

At its ordinary meeting on the 27th of September 2023, Council resolved;

**“(Luxford/Hamilton) that Council:**

- a) *receive and note this report;*
- b) *take carriage of the re-design and construction project at the Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street (only) intersection from TFNSW; and*
- c) *note a subsequent report will be brought back to Council with the revised Concept Design, budget, and funding strategy for approval prior to moving to construction.*
- d) *make representations to Transport for NSW and the Hon David Elliot – Minister for Transport for NSW, regarding assistance for the temporary traffic calming devices and controls required.”*

Following the September 2022 Council Meeting Report No. CS48/22, concept designs of two (2) roundabout intersection options have been developed for the Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection for the *Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements (K2CP) Project*.

This report informs Council of the proposed concept design options and recommended action(s) in order to maintain momentum with completion of the “Route 1” cycleway identified in Randwick City Council’s *Bicycle Route Construction Priority List*.

## Discussion

The *Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements (K2CP) Project* will see the delivery of the “Route 1” cycleway identified in Randwick City Council’s *Bicycle Route Construction Priority List*. The K2CP project includes a 2.8km two-way cycleway and shared path improvements along Doncaster Avenue, Day Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Crescent, and Sturt Street.

As of February 2023, the majority of stormwater drainage, footpaths, kerb and gutters, pram ramps and driveways works are completed and the first section of the cycleway along Doncaster Avenue, from Anzac Parade southward is being constructed.

As discussed in detail in the September 2022 Council Meeting Report No. CS48/22, the roundabout at Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection shown in Figure 1 was removed in mid-2022 in line with the approved and endorsed K2CP Project design shown in Figure 2. Since the changes were made to the intersection, issues regarding the operations and safety of the priority intersection were raised, especially on event days by the Australian Turf Club (ATC) - as the eastern leg of the intersection is the access to Royal Randwick Racecourse (the Racecourse). Additionally, some parents and guardians associated with Kensington Primary School have expressed concern that the removal of the roundabout has had a significant effect on their pick-up and drop-off task, each school day.



Figure 1 – Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street roundabout intersection pre-construction



Figure 2 – Current Cycleway Design - Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street priority intersection

**Design Issue – Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street Intersection**

The following main vehicular traffic operational and safety issues reported since the priority intersection was implemented:

- With new priority intersection, there are difficulties for vehicles turning from Ascot Street on to Doncaster Avenue due the vehicular approach speed, traffic volumes and minimal gaps on Doncaster Avenue. Right turning Ascot Street motorists have to wait for three concurrent acceptable gaps in traffic flow from the north, from the south and from the opposite direction,

before they can turn right. It is resulting in extended delays on Ascot Street on both the east and west approaches;

- The right turns at the intersection are causing traffic management issues on event days with the priority intersection, causing significant delays and queuing for vehicles entering the Racecourse, prior to the event and exiting the Racecourse after an event.

Other issues, attributed to the temporary setting of the intersection and adjustment period required for the public to adapt to the changes, included confusion of right-of-way due to change from a roundabout to priority intersection and risks of crashes at the new pedestrian crossing on the eastern leg of the intersection. Since then, improvements have been implemented by TfNSW, such as improved line marking and better signage for these issues.

### Approved K2CP Project Intersection Design

During the design phase of the K2CP project, roundabouts along the project corridor were removed due to the safety concerns of interactions between vehicles entering or exiting the roundabout and pedestrian/bike rider movements at the crossing. The driver's tendency at a roundabout would be to generally look to the right, focused on vehicles within or entering the roundabout. This raised concerns as drivers may not actively check for the faster-approaching bike rider crossing the road, from the left. Given this issue, Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection was originally proposed to be a signalised intersection but following consultation with TfNSW it was finalised as a priority intersection with a pedestrian / bike rider crossing on the eastern leg of the intersection and a pedestrian refuge on the western and northern leg.

### Proposed Roundabout Intersection Concept Designs

Based on the issues identified with the priority intersection, the feasibility of a roundabout with separated cycleway was assessed. Following a review of the latest guidelines and standards, the *TfNSW Cycleway Toolbox* provided guidelines on bi-directional separated cycleways at a roundabout intersection. These new guidelines were published in 2022, some three years after the designs for K2CP Project were finalised. Based on the new *Cycleway Toolbox*, a fully raised roundabout intersection design has been considered as shown in Figure 3.

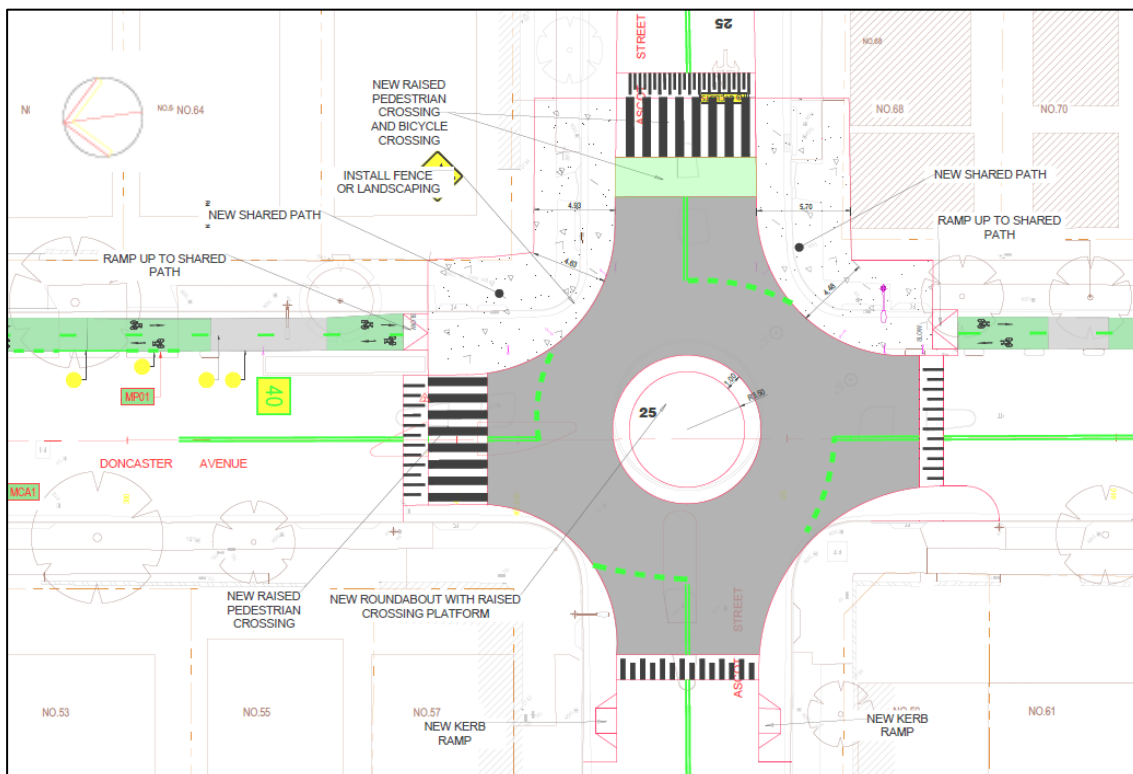


Figure 3 – Option 1: Proposed raised roundabout intersection design

Option 1 is a hybrid design of “3.2D Bicycle path (two-way) – Roundabout” and “3.2E Bicycle path (two-way) – Roundabout” with shared path in TfNSW’s [Cycleway Toolbox](#). Specific design elements include:

- The entire intersection is raised as a platform to introduce a traffic calming measure.
- Separated cycleway that transitions to a shared path before entering the roundabout. This would act as a bike rider calming measure before crossing the road.
- The pedestrian / bike rider crossing on the eastern leg is five metres from the outer radius of the roundabout to provide a storage area for vehicles to stop when exiting or entering the roundabout. The risk of collision between vehicles entering or exiting the roundabout with the bike riders still remains, however the storage area would allow drivers an opportunity to check both sides before approaching the crossing and provides an area to stop should a bike rider or pedestrians cross the road. Also, the view angles are closer to 90 degrees – so motorists and bike riders have a better chance of sighting each other. This also minimises the risk of rear end collision between a vehicle exiting the roundabout and the vehicle behind it.
- A pedestrian crossing is proposed on the northern leg of the intersection as there are no cycleway connections to the west.

A prioritised and continuous bicycle path around the roundabout was preferred, however, the property boundaries on the eastern leg of the intersection creates a spatial constraint.

Other design elements to be considered in the detailed design is the provision of a kerbed landscaping buffer between the raised intersection and the shared path area to provide a barrier.

Option 2 has also been developed which is a roundabout design very similar to Option 1 but with the raised components being only the pedestrian crossings on the north and east leg and some speed cushions on west and south approaches (i.e., the whole intersection is not raised on a platform). The design of Option 2 is shown in Figure 4, as follows.

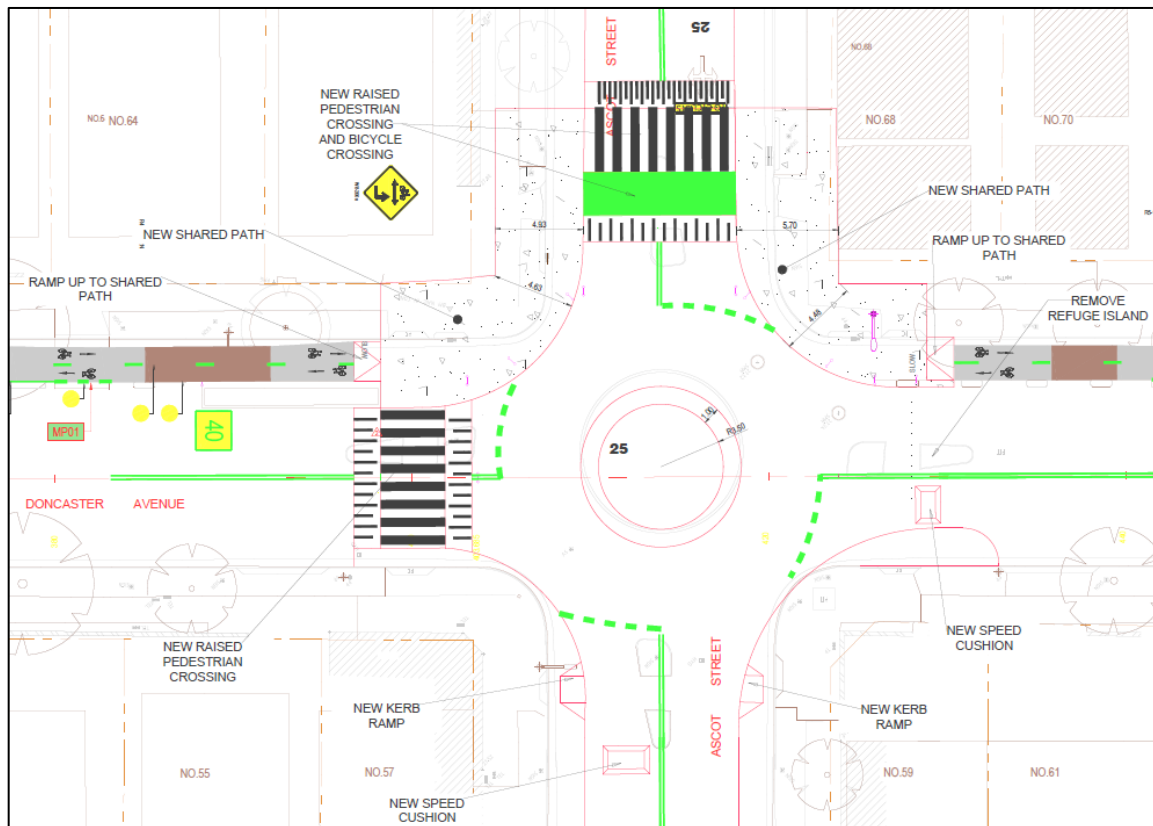


Figure 4 – Option 2: Proposed roundabout with raised crossings and speed cushions

Option 2 is expected to operate similarly to Option 1. It may not be as effective in traffic calming as a fully raised intersection of Option 1, but it still provides traffic calming measures, and it may result in better drainage with possibly gutter bridges at the crossings.

To validate that a roundabout with the bidirectional cycleway is feasible and safe, both options have been peer reviewed by a cycleway design consultancy. It was confirmed that both are sound designs with the appropriate vehicular speed controls (*D04844979*).

Option 3, which is also in discussion with TfNSW, is for the intersection to remain as a priority intersection as per the endorsed K2CP Project design. However, in 'event mode' all vehicles departing the Racecourse would be limited to only left turn movements. Following a recent trial of such arrangements the ATC has raised strong concerns about this option, due to significant delays on event days and due to operational issues at all times.

### **Event Days**

Since the traffic issues have been identified, a temporary roundabout and traffic control management have been put in place on event days at the intersection. Traffic controllers adjust the temporary traffic separators from a priority intersection to a roundabout configuration on the morning of the event day and the traffic controllers and police manage the traffic during the peak times for the events to guide drivers, pedestrian, and bike riders.

On event days, notable vehicle queues and delays have been observed along Doncaster Avenue on entering or exiting the Racecourse - even with the temporary roundabout and traffic controllers in place. Prior to the event starting, both north and south approaches on Doncaster Avenue have been queued up all the way to Alison Road and Anzac Parade, respectively, due to vehicles queuing up to enter the Racecourse.

After events, the volume of vehicles on the westbound approach created long queues back into the Racecourse at which point Police often restricted the westbound movements to left turn only. There were also delays caused by queuing traffic along Doncaster Avenue, which extended from Alison Road, south past Ascot Street and on past Todman Avenue.

Based on the Concept Design assessment, a roundabout will allow vehicles on Ascot Street to find more gaps to make the turn on to Doncaster Avenue. This was resultant of vehicles on Doncaster Avenue that had to slow down entering the roundabout and forced the vehicles to give way to the vehicles in the roundabout.

### **Traffic Committee**

On the 14th February 2023, Randwick Traffic Committee recommended:

That:

1. Event day trials of a left-turn only restriction imposed upon westbound Ascot Street motorists, at Doncaster Avenue, be endorsed for a trial period, following further discussions with the Australian Turf Club.
2. The proposed overland flow/ flooding assessment, detailed intersection designs, road safety audits and traffic impact assessment be completed in order to determine the preferred design of the intersection; and
3. Following the above actions, this matter be brought back to this Committee for final determination.

It can be confirmed that item 1 (left hand turn trial) was recently completed and determined by both Council Officers and the ATC, that no further improvements were identified than that of a proposed roundabout.

Items 2 and 3 remain on progress and consistent with the recommendations of this report in the progression to further design development for the roundabout option.

## Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Integrated Transport
Outcome	A city with a transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people
Objective	Increase the active transport mode share to 35% by 2031, from a 2018-19 baseline of 26%
Delivery program commitment	Implement measures to increase safety for people riding bikes or walking in 5 locations each year until 2031, with priority given to identified crash sites.
Delivery program commitment	Provide an additional 30km of safe cycling routes by 2031, prioritising fully separate bicycle lanes where possible, in locations informed by our Bicycle Route Construction Priority plan and the TfNSW Principal Bicycle Network plan.
Outcome	A city with a safe, efficient and sustainable road network that balances the needs of movement and place to ensure roads are used for their intended purpose
Objective	Achieve a 50% reduction in casualties on the road network from a 2018 baseline of 269 incidents by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Identify the key pinch point locations within the road network and work with TfNSW to identify improvement measures by 2031.
Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Integrated Transport
Function	Transport Planning
Delivery program commitment	Plan for and support the safe and efficient movement of public, active, commercial and private transport modes through and within the LGA

## Resourcing Strategy Implications

The financial impact of the design and construction of two roundabout design options (Option 1 and 2) are:

Design Option	Design Costs	Estimated Construction Costs
1 – Fully raised roundabout	Up to \$44,000	\$784,000
2 – Roundabout intersection with raised pedestrian/ cycling crossings		\$660,000

The design costs include overland flow/ flooding assessment, traffic impact assessment and road safety audit. The design processes are well underway and are expected to be completed by early April. Note that the indicated construction costs are early estimates only. They will be fine-tuned once the fully detailed design is available.

## Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993

### Conclusion

Following commencement of construction of the *Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements* Project, a design issue was identified at the Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection.

The issue was investigated, and concept designs have been developed for assessment.

To determine the optimal intersection design, Council officers will further investigate two (2) roundabout intersection options: Options 1 and 2. The third Option - maintaining a priority-controlled intersection with a westbound left turn only restriction during event days - has been rejected by the ATC and has been criticized by local residents. Accordingly, it is recommended that Option 3 not be developed further.

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**Responsible officer:** Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

**File Reference:** PROJ/10180/1527782/1

## Director City Services Report No. CS9/23

**Subject: Arden Street / Dolphin Street - pedestrian safety review**

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### Executive Summary

- In 2019, Council resolved (Matson/Andrews) that a meeting be held on site with appropriate Council staff and interested residents and Councillors to assess ways of implementing measures to slow down cars and buses passing through the Arden and Dolphin Streets roundabout and to increase pedestrian safety.
- A crash analysis has indicated that the intersection is performing very safely even though the traffic and pedestrian volumes are very high.
- Many of the alternate intersection options have significant drawbacks and retention of the existing roundabout seems the best option.
- Improvements to the safety of pedestrians could be considered by upgrading three untreated splitter islands to pedestrian refuge dimensions.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council officers undertake design investigations into the possibility of upgrading each of the three untreated splitter islands at the Arden Street/Dolphin Street roundabout, to pedestrian refuges.
- b) the outcomes from this investigation be reported back via the Traffic Committee processes.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

## Purpose

In 2019, the Council resolved (Matson/Andrews) that a meeting be held on site with appropriate Council staff and interested residents and Councillors to assess ways of implementing measures to slow down cars and buses passing through the Arden and Dolphin Streets roundabout and to increase pedestrian safety.

## Discussion

Prior to holding such a meeting as proposed an assessment would need to be undertaken of the options available. Following is some relevant information to assist such an assessment.

### Traffic and Road Safety Issues - Arden Street / Dolphin Street intersection

#### Function and Operation

Arden Street operates as one of the main collector roads within Coogee. It provides a very strong north south link and has a particularly important function in support of the following public transport (bus) services:

- 313 - (Coogee to Bondi Junction - terminates and recommences at Coogee)
- 350 - (Airport to Bondi Junction - through route)
- 370 - (Coogee to Glebe Point - terminates and recommences at Coogee)
- 373 - (Coogee to City Museum - terminates and recommences at Coogee)
- 373X - (Coogee to City Museum – Express from Cowper Street - terminates and recommences at Coogee)
- 374 - (Coogee to Central - terminates and recommences at Coogee)
- 374X - (Coogee to City Museum via Bream St (Express from Cowper Street) - terminates and recommences at Coogee)

Indeed, the Arden Street bus stop, opposite Alfreda Street, regularly has the highest number of daily Opal Card 'tap-ons', for the whole Council area (a claim also shared with the busy Pacific Square bus stop on Anzac Parade, Maroubra).

#### Traffic Volumes

In addition to its public transport function, Arden Street provides a very important through traffic function. The most recent traffic count data indicates that some 17,759 vehicles per day travel along Arden Street, adjacent to Coogee Oval (April 2016). Almost 6% of all Arden Street traffic is identified as consisting of commercial vehicles. This also emphasises the strong freight function of Arden Street as well.

#### Crash History

Council receives, on a quarterly basis, vehicle crash information from the TfNSW. This TfNSW data is based on actual Police reports (or self-reports) relating to crashes where persons are injured or where vehicles have had to be towed away. Generally, this data is received some nine to twelve months after the actual events.

An analysis of the most recently available 5 years of recorded crash data (July 2017 to June 2022) reveals that there have been NO recorded crashes at this intersection.

#### Safety Performance

A daily volume of at least 17,700 vehicles, passing through this intersection, indicates that the annual volume of vehicles passing through this intersection is more than 6,400,000. And over 5 years, this volume exceeds 32,000,000. Given the many of thousands of beach-going pedestrians who also filter through this intersection each year, it is considered that the intersection is performing very well, from a road safety perspective.

### Pedestrian Safety Improvement Options

#### Pedestrian Underpasses or Overhead Bridges

Pedestrian underpasses or overhead bridges can be extraordinarily expensive. They can create notable personal security issues and, unless extensive pedestrian fencing is included along nearby streets, they can be easily circumvented by pedestrians wanting to not expend effort by rising up or

down, to cross a road. Other issues such as a high water-table concerns, and flooding can detract from proposing tunnels. Also, very negative streetscape and visual amenity issues arise with overhead pedestrian bridges – particularly so, as they must be designed with very gentle ramp gradients, to meet the access requirements of the mobility impaired members of the community.

Given each of these key concerns further exploration of these alternatives is not recommended.

#### Zebra Crossings

Marked pedestrian (zebra) crossings afford pedestrians precedence over all other vehicular traffic. In areas with significant volumes of pedestrians, vehicular traffic flows can be very negatively affected by the dominance of pedestrians. For example, over recent summers, traffic flow along Marine Parade near McKeon Street, Maroubra, has been delayed for significant periods due to the pedestrian dominance at the zebra crossing. This has been a source of numerous complaints to Councillors and Council staff in recent times. Given the very high volume of pedestrians in Coogee, the introduction of zebra crossings at the Dolphin Street/Arden Street intersection would greatly impact traffic flows. These major delays would be experienced by all of the many bus services passing through the intersection. Accordingly, it is not recommended to install any zebra crossings at the Arden Street/Dolphin Street intersection.

#### Traffic Signals

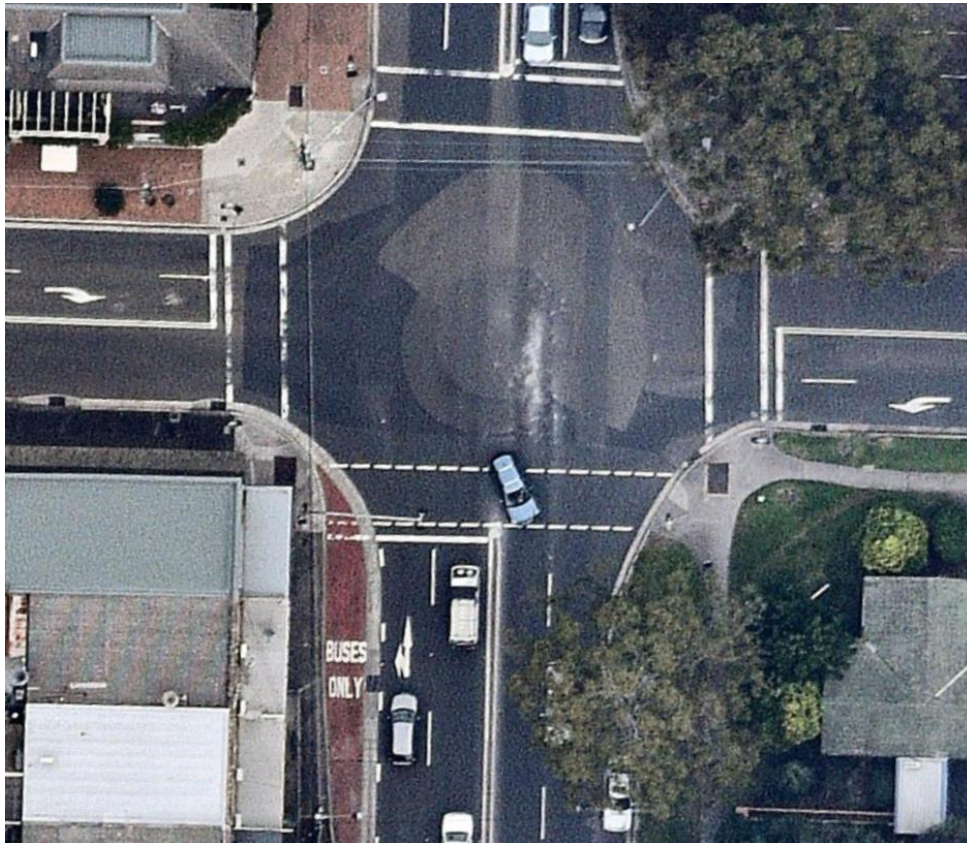
Replacing the existing large roundabout with a set of signals will provide the opportunity to introduce pedestrian 'green person' phases into the traffic flow. However, the introduction of traffic signals will greatly reduce the efficiency of the intersection for vehicles and pedestrians alike. This is because each movement (north/south or east/west) would be required to be delayed while the other movement is given priority. Lengthy queues would likely extend back from the intersection in all directions.

Notwithstanding the above impacts there is a very difficult impact that the introduction of traffic signals would have upon this neighbourhood. Currently, the large roundabout works extremely efficiently to 'turnaround' the substantial number of northbound terminating buses, so that they can face southbound ready to commence their next trip to the city etc. If the roundabout was to be removed and replaced with traffic signals it seems that there are two possible options available to manage the bus turnarounds:

1. Install traffic signals with an allocated 'bus U-turn' phase
- OR**
2. Redirect buses emerging from Havelock Street along a back route further from the coast so that they can return southbound along Arden Street.

#### **Traffic Signal Option 1** - Traffic signals with a bus U-turn facility:

Traffic signals accommodating bus U-turn facilities are not common. Following are two images of just such a facility, existing on the south side of the Miranda Fair Shopping Centre, at Miranda:



**Kiora Road / Karimbla Road intersection, showing bus U-turn bay at bottom left**



**Kiora Road / Karimbla Road intersection, highlighting U-turn signage and B signal**

At the Kiora Road/Karimbla Road intersection, in Miranda, southbound buses requiring to execute a U-turn, must move left into the dedicated Bus U-turn Bay, wait for the traffic signals to stop all other traffic movements and then undertake the U-turn manoeuvre, once the B-signal lantern turns green. This is a fairly inefficient set of signals as all traffic movements must come to a halt, whilst each bus executes its own U-turn. It is understood that only a single bus service utilises this facility and that the service frequency is hourly (bus Route 972). A Bus U-turn facility is not considered appropriate in Coogee given our high frequency of bus services. If every Coogee bus service were to stop all traffic movements, in order to affect a U-turn manoeuvre, the traffic implications for the Coogee Beach area would be extreme.

Additionally, provision of an additional separated U-turn waiting bay, on the northbound Arden Street approach to the roundabout, would likely only be possible with the removal of one of Coogee's iconic Norfolk Island pine trees. This would be unacceptable to the community and Council.

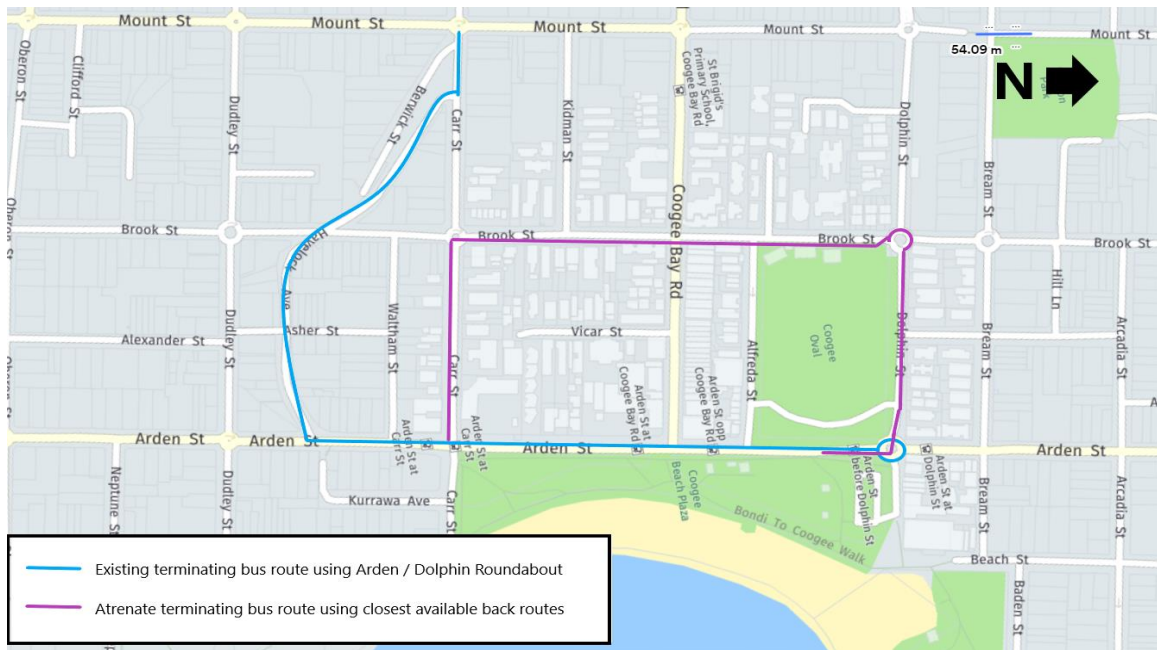


**Northbound Arden Street approach to subject roundabout, highlighting the Norfolk Island Pine likely impacted if a signalised Bus U-turn facility was considered.**

**Traffic Signal Option 2 – Traffic signals with buses redirected via back routes:**

An alternate option to have buses ‘turn around’ in the Coogee basin is to re-route them via a back route, away from the coast. Coogee bound buses emerging from Havelock Street could turn left (north) down along Arden Street, turn left into Carr Street, turn right into Brook Street, turn right into Dolphin Street and then turn right, at the proposed signalised intersection, to return southbound along Arden Street (ready to commence their next trip toward the City). While this option could possibly be acceptable from a traffic perspective (noting that some considerable delays would still result) it would be deemed unacceptable to the Coogee community as it would redirect hundreds of buses daily, away from the coast, to travel along the primarily residential route one block further west.

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**Alternate bus turnaround route – if traffic signals are installed at Arden St / Dolphin St intersection**

Upgrade roundabout splitter islands to pedestrian refuge dimensions

One pedestrian facility improvement option which should be explored is the upgrading of the existing three roundabout splitter islands to pedestrian refuge dimensions. This would provide more ‘storage’ space for pedestrians to wait while crossing the road. It would also introduce vertical kerb elements providing an increased physical safety for pedestrians and would likely induce reduced vehicle speed through the roundabout, as the effective passage through the intersection would be narrowed.

In 2020, Randwick Council undertook such an approach regarding the previously existing painted splitter island on the westbound approach to the subject roundabout. The painted splitter island was replaced with a standard sized pedestrian refuge. Also included was an additional kerb nib on the northeastern corner of the intersection, narrowing the effective roadway width and reducing pedestrians’ exposure to moving vehicles. See images below:



**Previously existing painted splitter island on the westbound Dolphin Street approach to roundabout**



**Pedestrian refuge which replaced the previous painted splitter island – note additional kerb nib as well**

Community feedback, subsequent to the upgrading of the splitter island was quite positive. Verbal appreciation was given to staff during construction and additional positive comments have also been received. Accordingly, and in light of the Council Resolution referenced in this report, it is proposed that Council officers undertake design investigations into the possibility of upgrading each of the three remaining splitters island at the Arden Street/Dolphin Street roundabout. The outcomes from this investigation will be reported back via the Traffic Committee processes.

**Strategic alignment**

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Integrated Transport
Outcome	A city with a transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people
Objective	Increase the active transport mode share to 35% by 2031, from a 2018-19 baseline of 26%
Delivery program commitment	Implement measures to increase safety for people riding bikes or walking in 5 locations each year until 2031, with priority given to identified crash sites.

**Resourcing Strategy implications**

There are no financial implications arising from undertaking design investigations into upgrading the splitter islands of the Arden Street/Dolphin Street roundabout, to pedestrian refuges.

**Policy and legislative requirements**

Roads Act 1993 & Road Transport Act 2013

**Conclusion**

Given the very safe operation of the existing roundabout, it is not considered that any major modifications need to be undertaken at the Arden Street/Dolphin Street intersection. However, it is considered that Council officers should undertake design investigations into the possibility of

upgrading each of the remaining three splitters island at the Arden Street/Dolphin Street roundabout. The outcomes from this investigation should be reported upon via the Traffic Committee processes.

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**Responsible officer:** Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

**File Reference:** F2019/01152

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## Director City Services Report No. CS10/23

**Subject:     Cycleways & Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee -  
February 2023**

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### Executive Summary

- The Council's Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meets quarterly to examine issues relating to bike riding and cycling facilities.
- The February 2023 meeting of the Advisory Committee was attended by representatives of BIKEast, members of the community, and Council staff.

### Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2023.

### Attachment/s:

1.  MINUTES - Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee February 2023

## Purpose

The Advisory Committee considered numerous matters of importance to local bicycle riders and the Minutes from the Committee's meeting, held on 15 February 2023, are attached.

## Discussion

Refer to Minutes - Cycleways and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting – 15 February 2023, which is attached.

The following dates have been confirmed for future committee meetings:

- Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7:30am
- Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7:30am
- Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7:30am.

## Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program and the Strategic Approaches identified within Council's Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 27/07/2021) are as follows:

- 1.1 Update the 2015 Bicycle Route Construction Priority List and develop an Active Transport Plan for the LGA by 2023.
- 1.2 Provide an additional 30km of safe cycling routes by 2031, prioritising fully separated bicycle lanes where possible, in locations informed by our Bicycle Route Construction Priority plan and the TfNSW Principal Bicycle Network plan.
- 1.5 Implement measures to increase safety for people riding bikes or walking in 5 locations each year until 2031, with priority given to identified crash sites.
- 1.8 Provide 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2027.

## 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.

## 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.

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

**File Reference:** F2018/00158





























## Director City Services Report No. CS11/23

**Subject: Heffron Centre - Lease & Licence Finalisation**

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### Executive Summary

- The Heffron Centre Project is due for overall completion by mid-2023 with the Community High Performance Centre being planned for occupation on 31 March 2023.
- Council will be required to enter into lease and licence for the premise(s) with the prospective tenants, Souths Sydney Football Club and Belgravia Leisure.
- In the design phase of the Heffron Centre Project, an outdoor training zone has been developed for use by the Community and the South Sydney Football Club.
- The outdoor training area falls within the “sportsground” categorisation of land in the Heffron Park Plan of Management. The issuing of a licence to the club for the newly identified “outdoor training area” is consistent with the ministerial consent, objectives and principles outlined in the Heffron Park Plan of Management 2021.
- It is recommended that the outdoor training zone is included in the lease to the South Sydney Football Club by way of a licence on similar licence conditions to the Showcase Sports field.

### Recommendation

That Council endorse the inclusion of an additional licence for the “outdoor training area” adjacent to the High Performance Centre in the South Sydney Football Club Lease.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

## Purpose

The Heffron Centre Project is due for overall completion by mid-2023 with the Community High Performance Centre being planned for occupation on 31 March 2023. As such, Council will be required to enter into lease and licence for the premise(s) with the prospective tenants, Souths Sydney Football Club and Belgravia Leisure.

In the development of the design phase of the Heffron Centre Project, an outdoor training area has been developed for use by the Community and the South Sydney Football Club. This report outlines the proposed addition to the lease by way of a licence to the “outdoor training area” for the club on similar licence conditions to the Showcase Sports field.

## Discussion

To allow Council to understand the proposal this report outlines the development of the project design in the;

- Capital Expenditure Review Drawings
- Agreement for Lease and Licence Drawings
- Approved Council Concept Design and DA Drawings
- Heffron Park Plan of Management 2021

Further information is also provided in relation to Council’s ability to grant lease and licences in Heffron Park under the new Heffron Park Plan of Management 2021 as endorsed by the Minister.

### 1. Capital Expenditure Review Drawings

Following Council endorsement, On 14 February 2018, Council submitted the detailed Capital Expenditure Review (CER) and Public Private Partnership Review to the Office of Local Government for initial assessment. Subsequently the OLG provided the following response:

*“...After reviewing the information provided by Council, it has been determined that the process outlined aligns to the criteria required in the guidelines and thereby Council has satisfactorily addressed the OLG’s capital expenditure criteria”.*

The CER was developed on a preliminary feasibility concept model based of the ‘heads of agreement’ following negotiations in 2016, regarding the commercial terms of the project. It was at this stage the preliminary concepts were developed relocating the project from Robey Street (shown in Figure 1) to Bunnerong Road.



*Figure 1 - 2015 Artist Impression Robey Street Option*

### 2. Agreement for Lease and Licence Drawings

In 2019, the Agreement Lease (building) and Licence (field) was brought back to Council for consideration with the conceptual site plans as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

In light of the feasibility drawings appended to the Draft Agreement for Lease and Licence (shown in Figures 2 and 3), Council at its ordinary meeting on 26 February 2019 resolved:  
 “(Said/Hamilton) that Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the Agreement for Lease and Licence on behalf of Council for the Heffron Park Community and High-Performance Centre.”

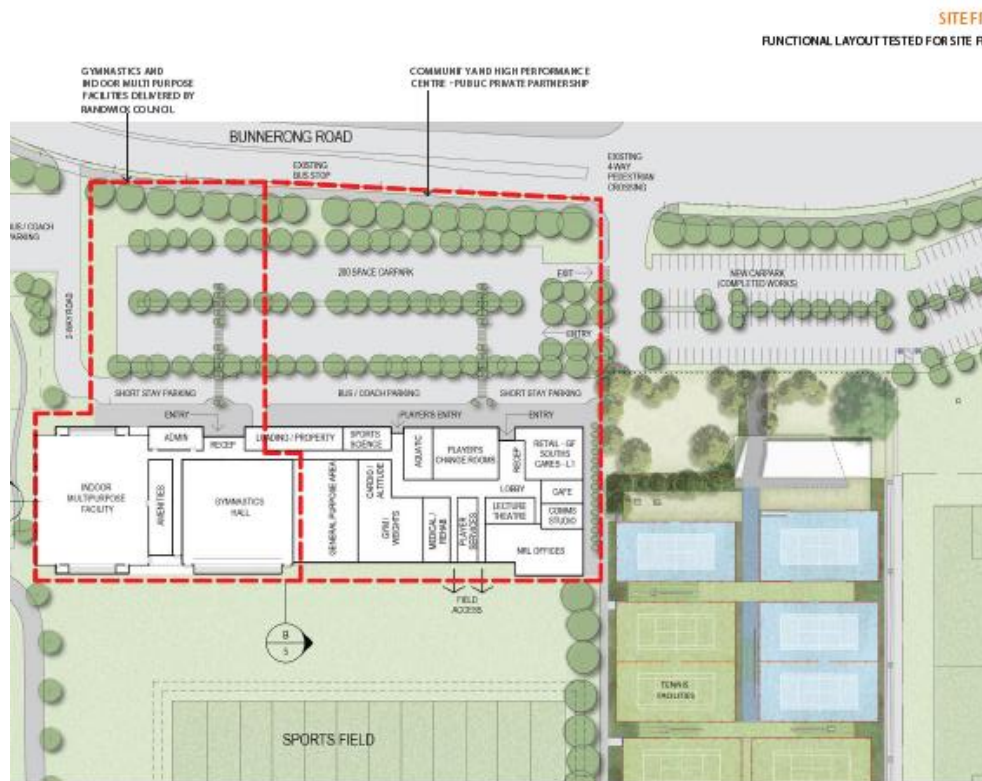


Figure 2 - 2017 Feasibility Analysis - Functional Layout for Site Fit (AFL)



Figure 3 - 2017 Artist Impression

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### 3. Approved Council Concept Design and DA Drawings

Following the execution of the AFL, the Heffron Centre Project Control Group (PCG) was formed. The PCG was tasked with the engagement of the lead design consultant (architect) to develop the design for the new project.

Following engagement of the architect, a thorough Community Consultation exercise was conducted. Key themes raised by the Community through consultation which were considered by the Team in the concept design, included:

- That the design should reflect the local area, history and culture.
- The Centre should be multi-purpose to ensure it can be utilised by the community for a range of social and recreational uses, along with being accessible and family friendly.
- Include a café and areas for children to play and congregate should be integrated.
- Being sensitive to the neighbors and surrounding uses within wider Heffron Park, with the Centre not being too large or imposing.
- Endeavoring to incorporate sustainability, native landscaping and vegetation into the design where possible.

In consideration of the community's feedback the final concept drawings (see figures 4,5 and 6) were developed to proceed to the development application stage. As such on 25 August 2020, at its ordinary meeting Council resolved:

*“(Andrews/Da Rocha) that Council:*

- a) notes the information contained within and appended to this report; and*
- b) provides its endorsement of the Design to allow the Project Team to progress with lodgement of a Development Application (DA).”*



*Figure 4 - Council Approved Heffron Centre Concept 2020*



Figure 5 - Council endorsed Heffron Centre Concept - Artist Impression 2020

It should be noted that in March 2021, Council received the approved development application and conditions on consent for Heffron Centre Project.

#### 4. Heffron Park Plan of Management

In August 2021, Council received ministerial consent for the new Heffron Park Plan of Management (PoM) under Clause 70B of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.

As per section 5.4 *Express authorisation of leases and licences and other estates* (page 28 of PoM):

*“Under Section 46(1)(b) of the LG Act, leases, licences, and other estates formalise the use of community land. A lease, licence or other estate may be granted to organisations and persons, community groups, sports clubs and associations, non-government organisations, charities, community welfare services, non-profit organisations and government authorities.*

*The lease or licence must be for uses consistent with the Reserve purpose, the assigned categorisation and zoning of the land, be in the best interests of the community as a whole, and enable, wherever possible, shared use of community land.*

*Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this PoM and the capacity of the community land itself and the local area to support the activity.”*

Additionally, 5.4.1 notes that the PoM expressly authorises the issues of leases, licences and other estates over the land provided that:

- *the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved or purposes which have been added to the reserve;*
- *the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land;*
- *the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the LG Act or the LG Regulation;*
- *the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993;*
- *where the land is subject to a claim under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted; and*

- *the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 or the LG Regulation.*



Figure 6 - Heffron Park PoM - Endorsed Land Categorization

Section 6.2.5 *Permissible uses / future uses (page 34 of PoM)* identified current and future permitted uses on the land whether planned or committed for “sportsground” as per Section 36(3A) of the Local Government Act 1993:

- *Active and passive recreational and sporting activities compatible with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities*
- *Organised and unstructured recreation activities*
- *Community events and gatherings*
- *Commercial uses associated with sports facilities*
- *Providing multi-purpose indoor sports for the general community.*

## 5. Outdoor Training Area Licence

The Agreement for Lease and Licence (AFL) as endorsed by Council in 2019, considered both the building tenancy (lease) and field occupation (licence). As per the AFL Section 11.2 *Execution of the Lease (Page 30)*

*“Once the commencing date has been finally determined, Council must submit the tenant three copies of the lease suitable for registration at NSW Land Registry services and completed in accordance with clause 11.4 the tenant must within 28 days after receiving the documents execute and return the documents to council or counsel’s solicitors as applicable”*

As per the AFL Section 11.4 *Completion of the Lease (Page 30)*

“Council or Council Solicitors must complete the lease by insertion of:

- a) Prescribed Land Registry Services lease form;
- b) the commencing date and the terminating date on the front page of the lease form 07LR and in items 1 and 3 of Schedule 1;
- c) the initial rent in item 5 of schedule 1, being an amount calculated by multiplying the rental rate by the lettable area of the premises shown on the survey prepared in accordance with clause 6.7a);
- d) the lettable area of premises in schedule 2;
- e) lettable area and denotation of the different components of the premises in special condition 1;
- f) a premises plan in registrable form prepared in accordance with clause 6.7b) and
- g) such other details as may be necessary to complete the lease and allow the lease to be registered.”

As the commencing date for the Community High Performance Centre (CHPC) has been defined as 31 March 2023, in accordance with the conditions of the AFL above Council has engaged the services of Corrs Westgarth Chambers (CWC) to act as our solicitors to prepare and finalise the lease.

In the finalisation of the lease for the CHPC, the site area between the building and the field (“outdoor training area”), has been identified as an area for shared use between the community and the club. (See the area outlined in Figure 7)



Figure 7 - Council endorsed Heffron Centre Floor Plan Concept 2020

This area was identified in the design development stage in being consistent with the community consultation principle:

“The Centre should be multi-purpose to ensure it can be utilised by the community for a range of social and recreational uses, along with being accessible and family friendly.”

The outdoor training area comprises of an;

- Single lane rubberized sprint track;
- Synthetic surface for multipurpose training; and
- Kicking nets for practice.

As can be seen in figure 6 above, the outdoor training area falls with the “sportsground categorisation of land. Hence, the issue of a licence to the club for the newly identified “outdoor training area” is consistent with the ministerial consent, objectives and principles outlined in the Heffron Park Plan of Management 2021.

Following discussions with Council’s solicitor, in the finalisation of the lease, it has been suggested to Council that this area be “licensed” to the Club and appended to the proposed lease on the similar conditions as endorsed by Council for the licence of the field.

On the 28 March 2017, Council resolved the terms sheet for the development of the agreement for lease and licence. The agreed terms in the AFL stipulate hours of use for both the club and the community for the field usage. However, rather than specifying hours similar to the field it is considered that the South Sydney Football Club has exclusive use of this facility during core business hours:

- Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm
- Saturday – 8am to 12pm.

At all other times the community would have access to this facility free of charge. These timings would remain consistent with community usage of Heffron Park in its entirety, before and after school and work.

**Strategic alignment**

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Infrastructure Services
Function	Asset construction
Delivery program commitment	Construct new public assets and infrastructure.
Service area	Customer Service & Governance Management
Function	Property and Land Management
Delivery program commitment	Administer the use of Council's property and land assets.

**Resourcing Strategy implications**

There would be rental income associated with the use of the outdoor training area by Souths under the licence. The commercial terms for the use of this area will be based on Council’s Fees & Charges for ‘Playing Field’ hire which is \$87 (inclusive of GST) per hour. It is expected that the club would utilise this area approximately 44 hours per week for 46 weeks of the year.

**Policy and legislative requirements**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Crown Land Management Act 2016
- Crown Land Management Regulation 2018
- Heffron Park Plan of Management 2021

**Conclusion**

In the development of the design phase of the Heffron Centre Project, an outdoor training zone has been identified and developed for use by the Community the South Sydney Football Club. It is recommended that the proposed addition to the lease is provided to the South Sydney Football Club

by way of a licence to the “outdoor training area” similar to the licence for the Showcase Sports field.

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**Responsible officer:** Todd Clarke, Director City Services

**File Reference:** F2019/10812

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## Director Community & Culture Report No. CC1/23

**Subject: Community Investment Program February 2023**

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### Executive Summary

- The Community Investment Program's February funding round was held for the Community Connect and Community Creative streams. Applications closed on 19 February 2023.
- Thirty-two (32) Community Connect applications were received. Three were identified as containing an artistic or performance component and were moved to the Creative stream for assessment; leaving 29 Community Connect applications for assessment.
- In addition, one Rapid Response application was received and assessed against the Community Connect guidelines.
- The 29 Community Connect plus one Rapid Response applications requested a total funding amount of **\$173,626** (\$35,637.80 in-kind; \$137,988.20 cash). The amount allocated from the budget to this round of Community Connect is **\$33,397.79**.
- Twelve (12) Community Connect applications are recommended for funding, totaling \$34,412.20 (\$12,753 in-kind; \$21,659.20 cash). In addition, the Panel recommends funding of one (1) Rapid Response application in the amount of \$577, bringing the Connect total to **\$34,989.20**.
- Fourteen (14) Community Creative applications were received. Three (3) Community Connect applications were transferred to the Creative stream for assessment, as outlined above, bringing the total to seventeen (17).
- The 17 Creative applications requested a total funding amount of **\$124,979** (\$12,065 in-kind; \$112,914 cash). The amount allocated from the budget to this round of Community Creative is **\$56,142.50**.
- Nine (9) Community Creative applications are being recommended for funding, totaling **\$55,929.00**. The entire amount recommended is for cash funding, with no in-kind component.
- For the 2022-23 financial year there are currently 43 Mayor's Contingency Fund allocations totaling **\$155,008.68** from a budget allocation of **\$90,000**.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) approve the Community Connect funds allocation of **\$34,989.20** (\$13,330 in-kind, inclusive of one Rapid Response; and \$21,659.20 in cash;) to the recommended projects.
- b) approve the Community Creative funds allocation of **\$55,929** (cash contributions only) to the recommended projects.
- c) note the status of the Mayor's Contingency Fund allocations for 2022-23 as of February 2023.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

## Purpose

The Community Investment Program's February funding round was held for the Community Creative and Community Connect streams. This was the third and final round of the 2022-23 financial year. Applications closed on 19 February 2023.

## Background

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

## Community Connect

The Community Connect stream has the following objectives:

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

### Application assessment

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

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

### Funding

Total funding for the 202/23 financial year for this stream is \$120,000, allocated across three rounds of funding. This equates to an approximate breakdown of \$40,000 per round, inclusive of cash and in-kind contributions.

A summary of the recommended funding allocation for the February round is provided below. Twenty-nine (29) applications, plus one (1) Rapid Response, were considered in this round, requesting funds totaling **\$173,626** (\$35,637.80 in-kind; \$137,988.20 cash).

Thirteen (13) applications (including one Rapid Response) are being recommended for funding, totaling **\$34,989.20** (\$13,330 in-kind; \$21,659.20 in cash).

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

An analysis of the recommended and non-recommended funding requests is provided under separate cover.

COMMUNITY CONNECT	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
Applicant and Project Description	In-kind	Cash	Assessment Panel comments
<p><b>1.Coogee Surf Life Saving Club: Coogee Dippers – Autism Swim Program</b></p> <p>The Coogee Dippers Autism Program has been specifically designed to bring autistic children to the beach and have them experience water and beach skills.</p>	\$0.00	\$659.20	A good program supporting social inclusion and community connection between children with autism, their families and the surf life-saving community.
<p><b>2.Coogee Surf Life Saving Club: Run Swim Coogee - Street Banners</b></p> <p>To provide access to street poles on Arden Street for the Run Swim Coogee Street Banners to be installed.</p>	\$3,412.00	\$0.00	A significant community event with wide reach and high levels of participation. Open to the whole community, inclusive of volunteer opportunities.
<p><b>3.Five Star Seniors Association: Five Star Alma Seniors</b></p> <p>A community group providing opportunity for seniors to get together and enjoy singing, karaoke and line dance.</p>	\$1,892.50	\$0.00	An established local group that offers social connection, activity and community engagement for seniors.
<p><b>4.Irish Family Events Sydney: Easter Kids’ Disco</b></p> <p>A low-cost, inclusive Easter disco for children aged 2-10 years old and their families.</p>	\$2,950.00	\$0.00	An activity well aligned with Connect stream objectives. A new group focused on increasing connection between families within the large Irish community of Randwick LGA.
<p><b>5.Kooloora Community Centre: Volunteer Week 2023</b></p> <p>An annual Multicultural Volunteer Lunch and award presentation to celebrate volunteers' contribution to the community.</p>	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	An annual event focused on recognising and bringing together volunteers, residents and staff based in a disadvantaged community.
<p><b>6.La Perouse United Junior Rugby League Football Club: NAIDOC Family Fun Day 2023</b></p> <p>A day of celebration for NAIDOC Week. The event will include games of rugby league with a</p>	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	A well-established, high quality NAIDOC event that provides an opportunity to bring the community together in celebration of First Nations culture.

COMMUNITY CONNECT	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
<p>free BBQ, face painting, jumping castles and provision for an Elders tent.</p>			
<p><b>7.Old Friends Singers’ Group: Social Activity and Entertainment for Seniors</b> Regular group sessions for retirees and the elderly with a focus on making friends, helping each other, fun activities and exercises to improve health and fitness, such as singing and line dancing.</p>	\$1,980.00	\$0.00	<p>A small but established group consisting mainly of seniors from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The regular activities are focused on increasing opportunity for social connection and friendship.</p>
<p><b>8.Heart &amp; Soul Story: Bringing Community Back Together</b> This project will assist the development of a long-term relationship between South Sydney High School and Australian Unity aged care by helping them set up an intergenerational story-sharing program.</p>	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	<p>A new project based at South Sydney High School, supported by the Wellbeing Team. The panel saw value in the inclusion of an intergenerational component; providing an opportunity for young people to connect with senior members of their community.</p>
<p><b>9.South-Eastern Community Connect (SECC): Supported Playgroup</b> Playgroup is attended by 20-40 families every week to socialise and engage in a mixture of free play, active play, story time, music and movement and a shared morning tea.</p>	\$1,641.00	\$0.00	<p>The Playgroup sessions are well attended and provide opportunity for a diverse range of young families to connect with each other, combat isolation in the early childhood years and access a pathway to services.</p>
<p><b>10.Souths Cares: NAIDOC Festival 2023</b> The event celebrates Aboriginal histories, cultures and achievements in line with the 2023 NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'. The Festival provides all activities, entertainment and food free of charge for guests.</p>	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	<p>The Souths NAIDOC event has been evaluated as an excellent, highly inclusive community initiative in previous years and clearly meets the objectives of Community Connect.</p>
<p><b>11.Sydney U3A Inc.: U3A Discussion Groups</b> The groups consist of retired people who join U3A to engage in ongoing learning and community interaction. Each</p>	\$877.50	\$0.00	<p>Discussion groups appeal to a wide range of interests, providing an opportunity for people of retirement age to engage with the content whilst forming new social connections in their local area.</p>

COMMUNITY CONNECT	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
group of 10-15 seniors will discuss films or current affairs.			
<b>12.The Soul Centre – Chabad Randwick: Passover</b> For Project Passover (Pesach), The Soul Centre will be hosting Passover Seders and events, so that everyone can celebrate and be connected to their culture.	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	The events proposed will provide opportunity for members of the Jewish community within Randwick to connect, celebrate and share tradition and culture.
<b>RAPID RESPONSE</b> <b>13.Walsh’s Pharmacy: Easter Bonnet Parade 2023</b> A not-for-profit event which began in 1986. The Parade is free, fun and open to all.	\$577.00	\$0.00	This annual Easter event provides an opportunity for social connection, access and inclusion for residents of South Maroubra and the wider Randwick community, particularly low-income families with young children.
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$13,330.00	\$21,659.20	
<b>RECOMMENDED TOTAL CONNECT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$34,989.20</b>		

**Community Creative**

The Community Creative stream has the following objectives:

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

Application assessment

An expert panel, including the Mayor and Council staff with skills in community development, arts and cultural projects reviewed all applications.

Each application was assessed against six core criteria drawn from the Community Creative Guidelines:

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

Funding

Total funding for the 2022/23 financial year for this stream is \$170,000 allocated across three rounds of funding. This equates to an approximate breakdown of \$57,000 per round, inclusive of cash and in-kind contributions.

A summary of recommended funding allocation for the February round is provided below. Seventeen (17) applications were assessed, requesting a total amount of \$124,979 (\$12,065 in-kind; \$112,914 cash).

Nine (9) applications are recommended for funding, totaling **\$55,929.00** (cash contribution only).

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

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

COMMUNITY CREATIVE	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
Applicant and Project Description	In-kind	Cash	Assessment Panel comments
<p><b>1.Black Dog Institute: Youth Week Travelling Circus</b></p> <p>This interactive performance piece builds resilience and creative capacity in young people as they work with artists to create a new character for the touring circus, focused on educating the community around suicide prevention.</p>	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	The panel agreed this project is an excellent initiative to support young people to engage with the performing arts sector in the name of an important cause (suicide prevention and mental health). Strong fit for the Creative stream.
<p><b>2.Greek Orthodox Community of NSW: A Hodja Called Nasreddin</b></p> <p>An inclusive cultural and musical performance that unifies various ethnic groups via storytelling of common folklore across ethnicities. Celebration, awareness and acceptance of our diverse society built upon generations of migrant history via music, culture and language.</p>	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	<p>NB: This event has already occurred and hence falls outside of the Community Creative guidelines, s2.1 (retrospective funding).</p> <p>The event enabled members of the Greek community and other cultural groups to connect in a celebration of traditional creative activity.</p>
<p><b>3.Jarrah House: NAIDOC Celebration</b></p> <p>A celebration of history, culture and achievement for clients, supporters, service providers, volunteers and the Jarrah House Board. Activities include dance performance, storytelling, shell art and dot</p>	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	An excellent opportunity for a marginalised community group to engage with creative activity as a means of connecting to culture. The inclusion of a broad range of stakeholders, performers and First Nations Elders, in addition to non-Aboriginal Jarrah House clients, will provide further

COMMUNITY CREATIVE	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
<p>painting, jewellery making and clay sculpting.</p>			<p>opportunities for interpersonal connection.</p>
<p><b>4.Maling Productions: Bidjgal Culture &amp; Arts Workshops</b></p> <p>The Workshops will again bring together local Aboriginal Elders and community members from La Perouse and surrounds to engage with and create shellwork pieces, possum skin shawls, medium-sized canoes, basket-weaving and more, with a view to exhibiting the work in future.</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$8,000.00</p>	<p>The Panel has been made aware of positive feedback from the community about this project, which focuses on traditional Aboriginal art and craft, led by local Elders. A good fit for the Creative stream in increasing access to artistic and cultural activities for the La Perouse community.</p>
<p><b>5.Sydney Multicultural Community Services: Art for Wellbeing</b></p> <p>The Workshops aim to create a safe and friendly space for migrant and refugee women, facing various social-emotional needs, living in the Randwick local area.</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$7,360.00</p>	<p>The project increases opportunity for women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to engage with the visual arts in a supported environment. It is well aligned with the Creative stream objectives.</p>
<p><b>6.Milk Crate Theatre: ACTION - Youth Performance Workshops</b></p> <p>An 8-week drama program for children from the WEAVE Kool Kids after-school program. Led by professional artists, participants will develop and showcase original stories to their community, family and friends.</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$4,462.00</p>	<p>This project will provide opportunity for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to experience immersion in dramatic and performance art, guided by professional practitioners. Strong fit for the Creative stream.</p>
<p><b>7.Randwick and Coogee Ladies Swimming Association: ‘HerStory Project’ – Centenary of Mclver’s Ladies’ Baths</b></p> <p>A professionally staged exhibition at Bowen Library to chronicle the history of women and local Randwick families in the care of Mclver’s Ladies’ Baths for over 100 years. Photographs, stories and memorabilia will be displayed during family History Month.</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$9,607.00</p>	<p>This is an important project focusing on the history of women in Randwick. A high-quality, professionally curated exhibition is expected. The project has a strong local focus, with inclusion of artistic practitioners and opportunities for members of the public to share in the creative process. Aligns with Creative objectives.</p>

COMMUNITY CREATIVE	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
<b>8. Randwick Boys High School P&amp;C Association: Acknowledgement of Country Wall Art</b> This art piece will transform a brick wall at the school's entry and showcase young Aboriginal voices, enhancing a sense of belonging, pride and celebration of this ancient culture.	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	The project will be led by First Nations students and inclusive of the whole school community. A good opportunity to combine celebration of culture with creative skill development for young people, to be shared with school staff, families and visitors. A strong artistic/creative focus.
<b>9. Wylie's Baths Trust: Choirle's@Wylie's Baths</b> A series of four evenings including performances by community, school and mass 'pub choirs' at Wylie's Baths. The events will be publicly ticketed and include participative singing sessions.	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	This project is a unique initiative fostering creative expression through performance. Its inclusion of professional practitioners, local choir groups and the broader community at a popular outdoor location will ensure wide reach.
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	\$55,929.00	
<b>RECOMMENDED TOTAL CREATIVE FUNDING</b>	<b>\$55,929.00</b>		

**Mayor's Community Contingency Fund**

For the 2022-23 financial year there have been 43 Contingency Fund allocations, totaling **\$155,008.68**. All allocations are listed in the table below [as at February 2023].

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

2022-23 Contingency Fund allocations		
Ord Council – 28 June 2022	Running for Premature Babies Kids Fun Run on 21 August 2022 at Grant Reserve, Coogee fee waiver (one-off allocation)	\$663
Ord Council – 26 July 2022	Donation to Black Dog Institute in remembrance of John Xenos	\$500
	Assist with support, including the hosting of a civic reception, for the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club (RPCC) in hosting Cricket Ireland for “Cricket Week” at Coogee Oval between 30 September 2022 and 9 October 2022	\$13,800
Ord Council – 23 August 2022	Donation of plants to the value of \$500 from Council's nursery to the Coogee Public School P&C Association for the annual Father's Day stall	\$500
	Waive fees associated with the Festival Indonesia Sydney 2022 event to be held at Arthur Byrne Reserve	\$3,830
Ord Council – 27 September 2022	Waive fees associated with the Maroubra Saints Presentation Day held at Prince Henry Centre	\$2,750
	Donation of \$500 to the Randwick City Football Club in support of the Purple Hearts Program	\$500
	Donation of plants to the value of \$500 from Council's nursery to the Coast Centre for Seniors' plant stall to be held in October	\$500
	Waive fees associated with the fundraising event for Bobby Gallegan to be held at Prince Henry Centre on 1 October	\$2,643.50
	Donation of \$250 to Barnardos in recognition of HM Elizabeth II's charitable work to acknowledge her passing.	\$250
	Coogee Dolphins event – Bali Bombings 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	\$5000
Ord Council – 18 October 2022	Waive fees associated with Maroubra Diggers Junior Swimming Club Carnival to be held at DRLC on 12 November	\$1,175
	Donation of plants to the value of \$500 from Council's nursery to Maroubra Neighbourhood Children's Centre for the spring Working Bee to be held in October	\$500
	Donation of \$750 to the 2022 Royal Giving Day in support of the Royal Hospital for Women.	\$750
	Donation of \$1,445 to the Randwick Art Society towards the production of 100 copies of 'The First Ten Years of Randwick Art Society Inc'.	\$1,445
Ord Council – 22 November 2022	Plants for Coogee Community gardens	\$500
	Road closures and traffic control for St George Coptic Orthodox Church	\$700
	87 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Carnival at DRLC on 18 March	\$1175
	Coogee Surf Life Saving Club Coogee island Challenge	\$4017
	Coogee Surf Life Saving Club Run Swim	\$4017
	South Maroubra Surf club ocean swim	\$683
	Equipment for St Andrews Catholic Church Annual Pere Receveur Mass	\$6526.92

2022-23 Contingency Fund allocations		
	Plants for P&F Association of our lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School	\$500
	Host a Survival Day Concert at La Perouse	\$14000
	WIRES in memory of Dr Fred Orr	\$500
	St Nicholas Anglican Church – Carols	\$2552
	70’s and 80’s Dinner dance at PHC – Cancer Council fundraiser	\$500
Ord Council – 13 December 2022	Plants for Coast Chapel Nurses War Memorial Garden	\$400
	Surfing NSW Maroubra Pro surfing March 2023	\$8325
	Surfing NSW Regional titles at Maroubra Beach March 2023	\$885
	Australia v Argentina Live Screening at Maroubra Beach	\$10496
Ord Council – 28 February 2023	Asia Pacific Swimming Championships at DRLC	\$2500
	Plants for St Johns Anglican Church	\$500
	Coogee United Football Club charity event	\$1160
	Table of 10 Windgap Gala Ball	\$2400
	Malabar Boat owners and sea rescue club 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque	\$750
	Plants for Sydney Children’s Hospital	\$500
	Sponsorship – Surfing NSW Pro	\$7500
	Soroptimist Randwick and Eastern Suburbs – Fundraising art exhibition	\$750
	Public Liability insurance for stall at Yarra Bay Family Fun Day	\$146.72
	Greek Epiphany Festival	\$17,588.49
	Greek Festival of Sydney at PHC	\$1680
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155,008.68</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
	<b>REMAINING</b>	<b>-\$64,193</b>

**Funding allocations**

Community Connect					
	Annually	July 22 round allocation	October 22 round allocation	February 23 round allocation	Remaining funds
<b>Cash</b>	\$70,000	\$18,500	\$30,429.17	\$21,659.20	-588.37
<b>In-kind</b>	\$50,000	\$22,032	\$10,199	\$13,330.00	\$4,439
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$120,000	\$40,532	\$40,628.17 (including \$1,373 Rapid Response)	\$34,989.20	\$3,850.63

Community Connect					
			(including \$500 Rapid Response)		(Including \$577 Rapid Response)
<b>Rapid Response applications approved outside of funding rounds</b>				\$5,442.04	-\$1,591.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2022/23</b>					<b>\$121,591.41</b>
<b>Budget remaining</b>					<b>-\$1,591.41</b>

Community Creative					
	Annually	July 2022 round allocation	October 2022 round allocation	February 2023 round allocation	Remaining funds
<b>Cash</b>	\$100,000	\$56,318	\$45,940	\$55,929.00	-\$58,187
<b>In-kind</b>	\$70,000	\$4,242	\$7,357.50	\$0.00	\$58,400.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$170,000	\$60,560	\$53,297.50	\$55,929.00	\$213.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2022/23</b>					<b>\$169,786.50</b>
<b>Budget remaining</b>					<b>\$213.50</b>

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### Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A resilient city where people are engaged, informed, connected and feel a sense of community and belonging
Objective	The percentage of residents who feel a part of their community will remain above the metro benchmark through to 2031
Delivery program commitment	Increase the promotion of annual grant funding which invests in community ideas, initiatives and events.

### Resourcing Strategy implications

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

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

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

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

Funding allocations have progressed in accordance with the adopted budget for Community Creative and Connect. The overspend in the Mayor’s contingency fund will be considered as a budget variation in the quarterly review.

## Policy and legislative requirements

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

## Conclusion

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

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

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**Responsible officer:** Rachel Low, Senior Officer - Social Planning & Community Capacity

**File Reference:** F2020/00336

## Director Community & Culture Report No. CC2/23

**Subject: NOX Night Sculpture Walk 2023 - funding allocation carry over**

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### Executive Summary

- Every two years in May Council's Economic Development and Placemaking team work in partnership with the University of NSW to produce the NOX Night Sculpture Walk at the Randwick Environment Park.
- The biennial event was last held in May 2021 and was scheduled to be held again in May 2023.
- Unfortunately, due to insufficient numbers of students signing up to the UNSW Art & Design course, NOX cannot be delivered in 2023 as planned.
- This report puts forward alternative options for the funding allocation for NOX, and consideration for how NOX can return in 2025.

### Recommendation

That Council endorse the distribution of current 2022-23 funding of \$190,000 for NOX 2023 to be carried over into the 2023-24 budget and be allocated towards future Public Art projects once the Cultural Vision and Public Art Plan are developed.

### Attachment/s:

1.  Notices of Motion - Public Art & Art Exhibition

## Purpose

To notify Councillors that NOX Night Sculpture Walk will not proceed in 2023 due to circumstances outside of Council's control and to put forward a recommendation for the carryover of funds associated with NOX for other public art / art exhibition initiatives.

## Discussion

NOX Night Sculpture Walk has been held for a number of years and is a partnership with UNSW. Spanning across three nights, the event features artwork from the UNSW Art & Design students installed around the park and wetland to form a 1.5km loop walk, starting and ending at the Randwick Community Centre where food trucks and entertainment is programmed from 5-9pm. The biennial event was last held in May 2021 and was scheduled to be held in May 2023.

Unfortunately, in mid-February Council received notification from UNSW that the Art and Design course associated with the NOX event had not been able to fill a class of students and will not proceed this year. As such, without the student artworks, the NOX event cannot proceed the way it was planned in 2023.

NOX is a popular community event, with over 10,000 visitors attending the 2021 event.

It is proposed that following Council's Event Service Level Review that Council Officers will investigate alternative options for the partnership with so as the event can return in a new format in 2025. This may involve utilising local artists found through the Randwick Artist Listing (local artist database), and / or other professional artists and require budget and resourcing to be reviewed. Other logistical issues such as the future use of car parking at the Randwick Community Centre will also need to be addressed.

The NOX budget for 22/23 is \$190,000. It is proposed that this budget allocation be carried over to the 23-24 budget to be used on other public art initiatives to be determined once the Cultural Vision and Public Art Plan are developed.

There are currently a number of Notice of Motion's relating to Public Art (more details on the attachment):

- Proposed Public Art installation at La Perouse to recognise Aboriginal Heritage and our shared history – La Perouse
- Proposed Public Art Activation Trial - Malabar
- Art in Public Spaces - Perfect Match Program
- Re-use of the former Coogee Pleasure Pier pylons from Coogee Beach as public art
- Partnership with Sydney Biennale for 24th edition in 2024
- Randwick Art Collection
- Proposing an annual art exhibition during the Sydney Mardi Gras Festival

As part of its Arts & Culture Strategy Council is working on creating a whole of Randwick LGA cultural vision. This Vision will inform the update to the Public Art Plan.

Once the two documents are finalised, by June 2023, updates to the Notices of Motion can be provided with associated funding, so it is recommended that the \$190,000.00 for NOX be carried over and a report will recommend a relevant project/s to be funded.

## Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Arts and Culture
Outcome	A city where everyone can develop, express and enjoy creativity throughout their life
Objective	Increase attendance at Council's arts and cultural programmes, events and venues by 10% by 2031, from a 2018-19 baseline
Delivery program commitment	Research and analyse existing and potential future events by 2022.
Outcome	A creative and culturally rich city that is innovative, inclusive and recognised nationally
Objective	Establish a strong cultural identity for the Randwick LGA by 2031 that is inclusive and founded on the contribution of First Nations people by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Create a whole of Randwick LGA cultural vision with a focus on our places, people and stories and our unique narrative by 2022.
Delivery program commitment	Update and implement the Public Art Plan by 2022.

### Resourcing Strategy implications

\$190,000.00 has been allocated for NOX in the 2022-23 budget and it is recommended that this amount is carried over to 2023-24 to be put towards other projects aligned to the Arts & Culture Strategy.

A report will come back with how this \$190,000.00 would be allocated.

The staffing resources allocated for NOX will be utilized on blitz day events for Citizenship Ceremonies with a backlog of residents awaiting citizenship.

### Conclusion

NOX is a community favourite event, is well attended, a great partnership with UNSW and highlights the beautiful Randwick Environment Park and supports emerging local artists. The concept of NOX needs to be re-imagined in partnership with UNSW and giving consideration to a number of options of how we can engage artists in this event as well as required funding. Council Officers will undertake this work for the event to be delivered in 2025. With a number of Public Art and Art Exhibition proposals to come back to Council for a report, it makes sense for the funding for NOX 2023 to be carried over to deliver on one or more of the other projects linked to the Arts & Culture Strategy.

**Responsible officer:** Roxanne Fea, Acting Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

**File Reference:** F2023/00429







## Director Community & Culture Report No. CC3/23

**Subject: McKeon Street Plaza - 6 month trial period in review**

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### Executive Summary

- The McKeon Street Plaza was a temporary project to activate a local town centre by closing a section of road for the purposes of outdoor seating, dining and entertainment. The temporary project was funded by a grant from the NSW State Government through the Streets as Shared Spaces Fund (Round 2), to the value of \$500,000.00. The project was intended for 6 months.
- McKeon Street Plaza opened on 8 October 2022 and was scheduled to close on 31 March 2023.
- There has been an ongoing, onsite survey since October that demonstrates 90% community support for the Plaza to be made permanent. A consultation with businesses has indicated that 80% support the plaza to be permanent and a current consultation via YourSay currently shows community support at 79% for the plaza to be permanent.
- The YourSay community consultation will close on 6 April.
- There are a number of options for Council to consider in relation to the future of McKeon Street Plaza. To help inform Council's decision consultation is being undertaken with the local community and businesses in March and April. Whilst this consultation and analysis takes place it is recommended that the Plaza be extended until the end of April with a report to come back to Council in April with options on the future of the plaza.
- To extend the McKeon Street Plaza for one month will cost \$26,000.00 which will cover the hire of the infrastructure, maintenance, lighting and weekend programming.

### Recommendation

That Council extend the McKeon Street Plaza temporary trial until 30 April 2023 at a cost of \$26,000, with a report to come to the April Council meeting with options on the future of the Plaza and outcomes of the business and community consultations.

### Attachment/s:

1.  Key findings - McKeon Street consultations (ongoing)

## Purpose

To seek Council's approval to extend the temporary McKeon Street Plaza for one month from March until the end of April to finalise consultation from the local businesses and community and bring a report back to the April meeting with options on the next steps for the plaza.

## Discussion

The McKeon Street Plaza trial project opened on 8 October 2022 and the 6 month trial will conclude on 31 March 2023. The project was funded by a \$500,000.00 grant through the Streets as Shared Spaces Fund from the NSW Government.

This report recommends a one-month extension until 30 April to complete the business and community consultation that is happening in March and April to provide Council with data and feedback on the trial. A further report will come to the April Council meeting with options on how to proceed.

To date the summary of feedback/consultation includes:

- A QR code Street Survey was available onsite since October to gather feedback from visitors to the plaza (242 responses). To date 90.5% of respondents believed the plaza should be a permanent space. 7.02% responded “No” and 2.48% responded “I am not sure”.
- An In-person Face-to-Face Business Impact survey was conducted with Businesses to evaluate the project's success (10 interviews). To date 80% of participating businesses believe the plaza should be a permanent space, 20% are unsure.
- A Neighbourhood Sentiment Survey is currently underway via Your Say Randwick, including a letterbox drop to 10,000 residents in walking distance from the Plaza (currently 157 responses). This survey closes 6 April 2023. To date 79% of respondents believe the plaza should be a permanent space, 15% are not supportive and 6% are unsure.

The feedback from the surveys will help Council understand the impact of the trial McKeon St Plaza and provide guidance for any future activation.

There are some additional key findings in the attachment to this report.

### Other issues:

Issue	Response
Deliveries	No significant issues relating to deliveries to McKeon Street businesses have been raised. There are some deliveries to the laneway that runs off Fenton that have issues with access with cars parked there. Internal teams investigating.
Waste	Specific bins on McKeon are overflowing on weekends in part from higher visitor numbers but also as Businesses choose to use the public bins. Rubbish removal on weekends to increase and communication .
Traffic flow	Businesses surveyed actually reported that the flow of traffic had improved since the changes were implemented, as businesses and residents now know to avoid Marine Parade.
Loading zone	Loading zones on Marine Parade are being used as short-term parking by people unfamiliar with the area. Additional signage may be required.
Timed parking in Fenton Avenue	Changes to parking allocation on Fenton Ave was raised as an issue. Residents and businesses wanted all-day parking permits but visitors had

Issue	Response
	<p>shorter timeframes. Lack of communication about the changes and perceived increase in ranger presence were concerns. Issue mainly on weekends.</p> <p>Economic Development team contacting internal teams to discuss this issue.</p>
Feedback for consideration	Highlight the need for better seating, shade, materials, signage, and support for night-time activities.

### Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with diverse, active places for businesses, including vibrant town and neighbourhood centres
Objective	Ensure 86% or more of our community are satisfied* with the vitality of town centres by 2032
Delivery program commitment	Identify and prepare 3 business cases for prioritised public space improvement or activation projects to leverage State and Federal Government funding opportunities as they arise by 2023.
Delivery program commitment	Implement place management plans that reflect the unique character of town centres to guide planning, marketing and activation initiatives that nurture small business by 2030.
Outcome	A city that empowers businesses to start, grow and thrive through a collaborative business culture
Objective	Increase by 20% the number of businesses that are members of a local network, chamber or association by 2032
Delivery program commitment	Research and pilot initiatives with local networks and businesses which empower local businesses to promote their goods or services and support other local businesses by 2025.

### Resourcing Strategy implications

The cost to extend the Plaza in its current form with the closure, seating, planter boxes, lighting, archway, maintenance and weekend programming and Sunday fresh markets, for one month from 31 March 2023 until 30 April 2023 is \$26,000.00. This can be funded through the existing Economic Development & Placemaking budget 2022-23.

### Policy and legislative requirements

N/A

### Conclusion

The 6-month trial of the temporary closure of a section of McKeon Street and its transformation to a pedestrian plaza will come to an end on 31 March 2023. There is an opportunity for Council to consider how the space is used in the future. Consultation is taking place with the community and businesses to give Council some feedback on options for consideration. The 28-day consultation

will end on 6 April so to provide the time for the analysis of this information it is recommended that the plaza is extended by one month whilst a report for the April Council meeting is prepared.

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**Responsible officer:** Richard Old, Economic Development Specialist

**File Reference:** F2021/00587

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## Director Corporate Services Report No. CO15/23

**Subject: Investment Report - February 2023**

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### Executive Summary

- This report outlines Council's investment portfolio and performance as at 28 February 2023.
- All investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
- For the month of January, the total portfolio (T/Ds, FRNs and Bonds) provided a return of +0.27% (actual) or +3.64% p.a. (annualised), marginally outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.24% (actual) or +3.18% p.a. (annualised).
- Our current margins in comparison to benchmark may decline given our long-term tenure in term deposits. Our overall investment return remains solid due to interest rate increases, with actuals exceeding budget by \$495,180 as at 28 February 2023.
- Cashflow will continue to be monitored closely, as the RBA expects to take further steps in the process of normalising monetary conditions over the coming months. Investments will continue to be managed to ensure liquidity to meet operational requirements.

### Recommendation

That the Investment Report for February 2023 be received and noted.

### Attachment/s:

1.  Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer - February 2023

## Purpose

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

## Discussion

As at 28 February 2023, Council held investments with a market value of \$161.15 million. The portfolio value increased during February by \$7.26 million. The increase is representative of a positive cash flow for the month reflecting the net effect of revenue receipts, rates, grants, and miscellaneous payments, offset by capital works expenditure and other operational payments.

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

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

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

At the RBA's last meeting on 07 March 2023, the RBA:

- Decided to increase the cash rate target by 25 basis points to 3.60 per cent.

The cash rate has increased materially since May 2022. The RBA is seeking to *"return inflation to the 2–3 per cent range while keeping the economy on an even keel, but the path to achieving a soft landing remains a narrow one."*

According to the latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the CPI rose 1.9 percent in the December 2022 quarter and 7.8 percent annually. Inflation is expected to decline this year to around 4.75 percent over 2023 and around 3 percent by mid-2025.

The growth in the Australian economy has slowed with GDP increasing by 0.5 percent in the December quarter and 2.7 percent over the year. The labour market remains very tight, with the unemployment rate has been steady at around 3.5 percent over recent months, which is the 50-year low. As economic growth slows, the unemployment rate is expected to increase to 3 percent by the end of this year and 4.5 percent by mid-2025. A further wage growth pick-up is expected due to the tight labour market and higher inflation.

The RBA expects that further increases in interest rates will be needed over the months ahead to ensure that inflation returns to target and that this period of high inflation is only temporary. The Board will be *"paying close attention to developments in the global economy, trends in household spending and the outlook for inflation and the labour market"*.

## On Call Funds

On call funds are held to meet Council's immediate cash flow requirements. The on-call funds' balance has now gradually been reduced as the economic outlook from the pandemic has improved but will continue to be monitored and reviewed in line with anticipated operational requirements.

The on-call balance at month end is \$7.58 million or 4.71% of the total portfolio.

Investment	Rating	Balance - 1 February 2023	Movement	Balance – 28 February 2023	Interest Rate
CBA	AA-	\$7,852,914	-\$269,823	\$7,583,823	3.45%
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,339	\$6	\$2,345	3.35%

### Term Deposits

- At month’s end, the portfolio included \$127 million in term deposits.
- Term Deposits made up 78.81% of the total investment portfolio.
- Two term deposits totaling \$3.5 million matured in February 2023.
- Six new term deposits for \$11 million were placed.
- As at the end of February 2023, the term deposit portfolio was yielding 3.55% p.a. (up 17bp from the previous month).

	Rating	Balance 01 February 2023	Movement	Balance 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/02/2021	29/03/2023	0.62%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/02/2021	28/06/2023	0.65%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/09/2021	18/09/2024	0.94%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	27/09/2021	27/09/2023	0.60%
ICBC	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	3/12/2025	1.70%
CBA	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	9/12/2026	1.88%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	13/12/2023	1.22%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	0	12/11/2021	01/02/2023	0.76%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	12/11/2021	15/03/2023	0.84%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	18/11/2021	26/04/2023	0.83%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	18/11/2021	14/6/2023	0.95%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	18/11/2021	21/06/2023	0.96%
ICBC	A	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	18/11/2021	05/07/2023	1.00%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	05/07/2023	1.00%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	11/10/2023	1.10%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	24/01/2024	1.36%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	28/02/2022	12/07/2023	1.20%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	09/03/2022	25/10/2023	1.74%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	20/04/2022	26/07/2023	2.44%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	20/04/2022	04/10/2023	2.60%
ICBC	A	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	20/04/2022	24/04/2024	3.13%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/05/2022	03/05/2023	2.71%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/05/2022	01/11/2023	3.08%
Suncorp	A+	\$1,500,000	-\$1,500,000	0	24/05/2022	08/02/2023	2.60%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	31/05/2022	22/03/2023	2.78%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	01/06/2022	31/01/2024	3.40%

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	Rating	Balance 01 February 2023	Movement	Balance 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/07/2022	17/01/2024	4.05%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	28/07/2022	13/03/2024	3.80%
Suncorp	A+	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/08/2022	03/04/2024	4.04%
NAB	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/08/2022	08/05/2024	4.05%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	17/08/2022	27/03/2024	4.03%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	17/08/2022	17/04/2024	4.03%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	24/08/2022	08/11/2023	4.16%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	24/08/2022	07/02/2024	4.22%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	24/08/2022	10/04/2024	4.30%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/08/2022	20/12/2023	4.16%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/08/2022	1/5/2024	4.24%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/08/2022	19/06/2024	4.25%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/08/2022	26/06/2024	4.25%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/09/2022	20/03/2024	4.30%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/09/2022	12/06/2024	4.35%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	27/10/2022	14/6/2023	4.28%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	27/10/2022	21/6/2023	4.29%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/10/2022	29/3/2023	4.00%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	30/11/2022	19/07/2023	4.24%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/12/2022	05/04/2023	3.87%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/12/2022	12/04/2023	3.90%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/12/2022	19/04/2023	3.94%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	13/09/2023	4.51%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	18/10/2023	4.58%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	27/12/2023	4.71%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	03/01/2024	4.74%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	10/01/2024	4.74%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	23/12/2024	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	31/12/2024	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	08/01/2025	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	15/01/2024	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/01/2023	22/01/2025	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/01/2023	17/07/2024	4.67%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/01/2023	25/09/2024	4.67%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/01/2023	16/10/2024	4.67%
Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/01/2023	20/09/2023	4.45%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/01/2023	03/07/2024	4.60%

	Rating	Balance 01 February 2023	Movement	Balance 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$1,500,000	25/01/2023	24/07/2024	4.40%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	25/01/2023	09/10/2024	4.38%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	31/01/2023	15/11/2023	4.56%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	31/01/2023	10/07/2024	4.63%
CBA	AA-	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	21/02/2023	31/07/2024	4.98%
CBA	AA-	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	21/02/2023	02/10/2024	4.98%
CBA	AA-	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	28/02/2023	10/05/2023	4.00%
CBA	AA-	0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	28/02/2023	12/03/2025	4.98%
Westpac	AA-	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	28/02/2023	18/06/2025	4.94%
Westpac	AA-	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	28/02/2023	25/06/2025	4.94%
Total		\$119,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$127,000,000			

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### Floating Rate Notes (FRNs)

- The portfolio includes \$24.983 million in floating rate notes, making up 15.50% of the total portfolio.
- FRNs are classified as “held for trading” and are required to be reported at the latest indicative market valuations at month end.
- The indicative market value of the FRNs as at the 28 February 2023 increased by \$45 thousands.
- There is no new floating rate note placed during the month
- Council will continue to look at opportunities and new issuances as they become available, and switch if viable.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000	\$2,003,424	07/08/2019	07/08/2024	90D BBSW + 80 bpts
Citibank	A+	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,535	14/11/2019	14/11/2024	90D BBSW + 88 bpts
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	\$2,006,748	21/01/2021	21/01/2025	90D BBSW + 77 bpts
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,885	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	90D BBSW + 84 bpts
UBS	A+	\$1,300,000	\$1,299,601	30/7/2020	30/07/2025	90D BBSW + 87 bpts
Bank of China	A	\$1,000,000	\$999,232	18/08/2020	18/08/2023	90D BBSW + 80 bpts
UBS	A+	\$3,000,000	\$2,960,735	26/02/2021	26/02/2026	90D BBSW + 50 bpts
CCB	A	\$1,000,000	\$996,070	11/03/2021	11/03/2024	90D BBSW + 58 bpts
ICBC	A	\$1,700,000	\$1,671,693	18/06/2021	18/06/2026	90D BBSW + 66 bpts
NAB	AA-	\$3,100,000	\$3,059,549	24/08/2021	24/08/2026	90D BBSW + 41 bpts
Suncorp	A+	\$1,750,000	\$1,723,439	15/09/2021	15/9/2026	90D BBSW + 48 bpts
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	\$1,490,594	14/1/2022	14/1/2027	90D BBSW + 77 bpts
Suncorp	A+	\$1,800,000	\$1,786,190	25/1/2022	25/1/2027	90D BBSW + 78 bpts

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$2,000,000	\$1,984,415	27/1/2022	27/1/2027	90D BBSW + 73 bpts
Total		\$25,150,000	\$24,983,111			

### Fixed Bonds

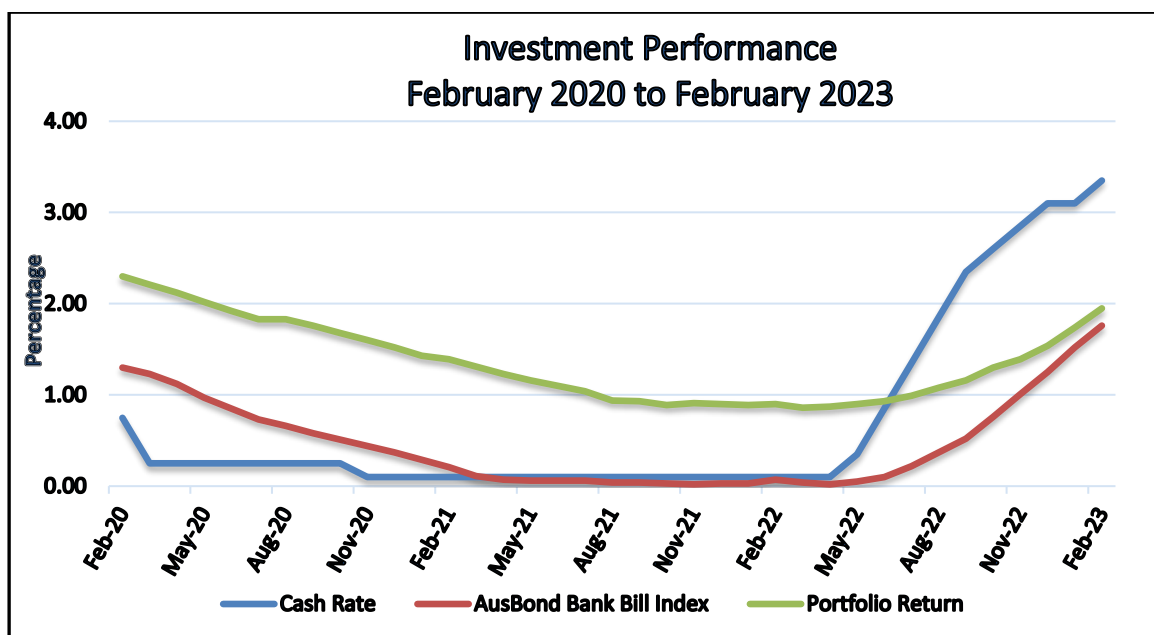
In August 2021, Council purchased at a discount \$1.8 million (face value) of the AAA-rated covered fixed bond with ING Bank Australia. An attractive fixed coupon rate of 1.10% will be paid on a semi-annual basis on the \$1.8 million face value.

The indicative value is the value Council would receive at 28 February 2023 if it were to consider selling this investment prior to its maturity date. Selling prior to maturity would only be considered if a capital gain resulted while holding to maturity ensures a return of the full amount invested along with quarterly interest payments over the life of the investment.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 28 February 2023	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ING Bank	AAA	\$1,794,762	\$1,582,016	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	1.10%
Total		\$1,794,762	\$1,582,016			

### Performance

The following graph shows the investment returns achieved against the AusBond Bank Bill Index and the official Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cash interest rate for the period February 2020 to February 2023.



For the month of February, solid return of +0.27% (actual) or +3.64% p.a. (annualised), marginally outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.24% (actual) or +3.18% p.a. (annualised).

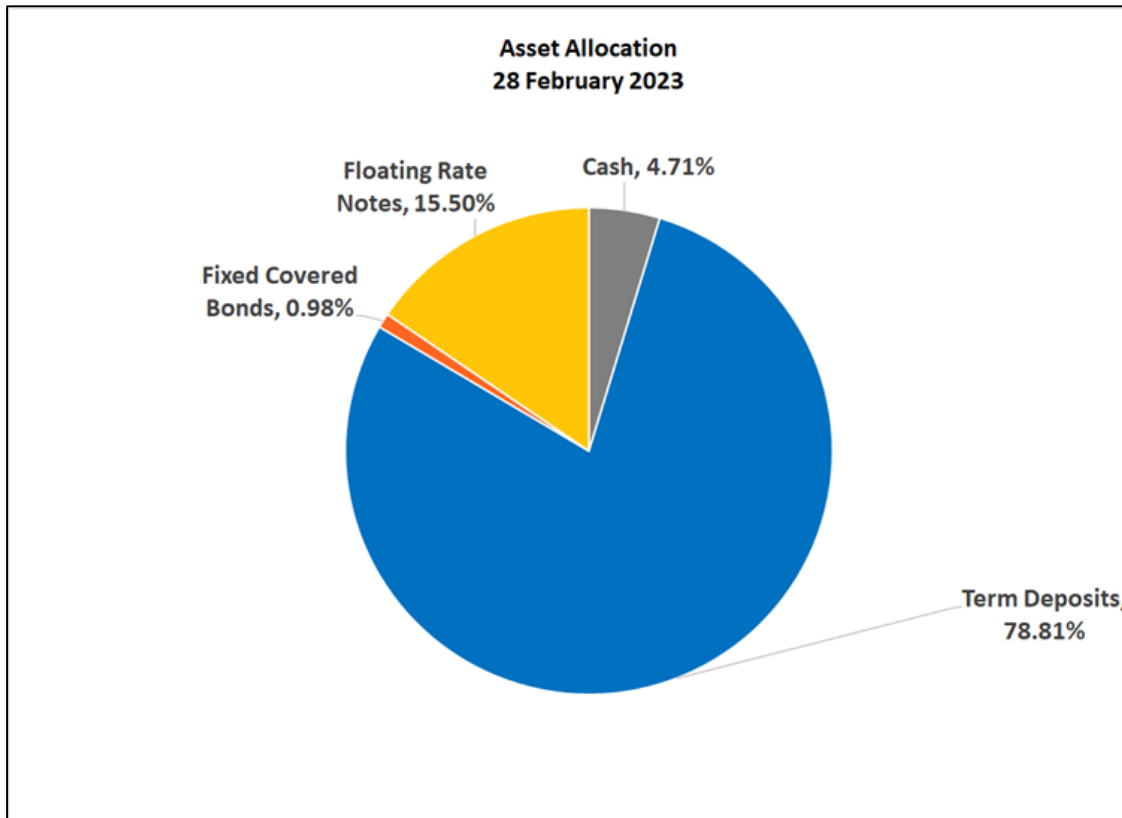
Over the past year, the combined term deposit and FRN portfolio returned +1.95% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 0.20% p.a. Our current margins in comparison to benchmark may decline given our long-term tenure in term deposits. Our overall investment return remains solid due to interest rate increases, with actuals exceeding budget by \$495,180 as at 28 February 2023.

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 year	3 year
<b>Official Cash Rate</b>	0.25%	0.77%	1.42%	1.70%	1.81%	0.95%	0.70%
<b>AusBond Bank Bill Index</b>	0.24%	0.76%	1.40%	1.68%	1.76%	0.89%	0.66%
<b>Council's T/D Portfolio</b>	0.27%	0.72%	1.24%	1.47%	1.81%	1.24%	1.30%
<b>Council's FRN Portfolio</b>	0.32%	0.97%	1.83%	2.28%	2.69%	1.95%	1.76%
<b>Council's Bond Portfolio</b>	0.08%	0.27%	0.54%	0.73%	1.10%	-	-
<b>Council's Portfolio</b>	0.27%	0.76%	1.33%	1.60%	1.95%	1.40%	1.40%
<b>Outperformance</b>	0.03%	0.00%	-0.07%	0.08%	0.20%	0.51%	0.73%

## Council's Portfolio and Compliance

### Asset Allocation

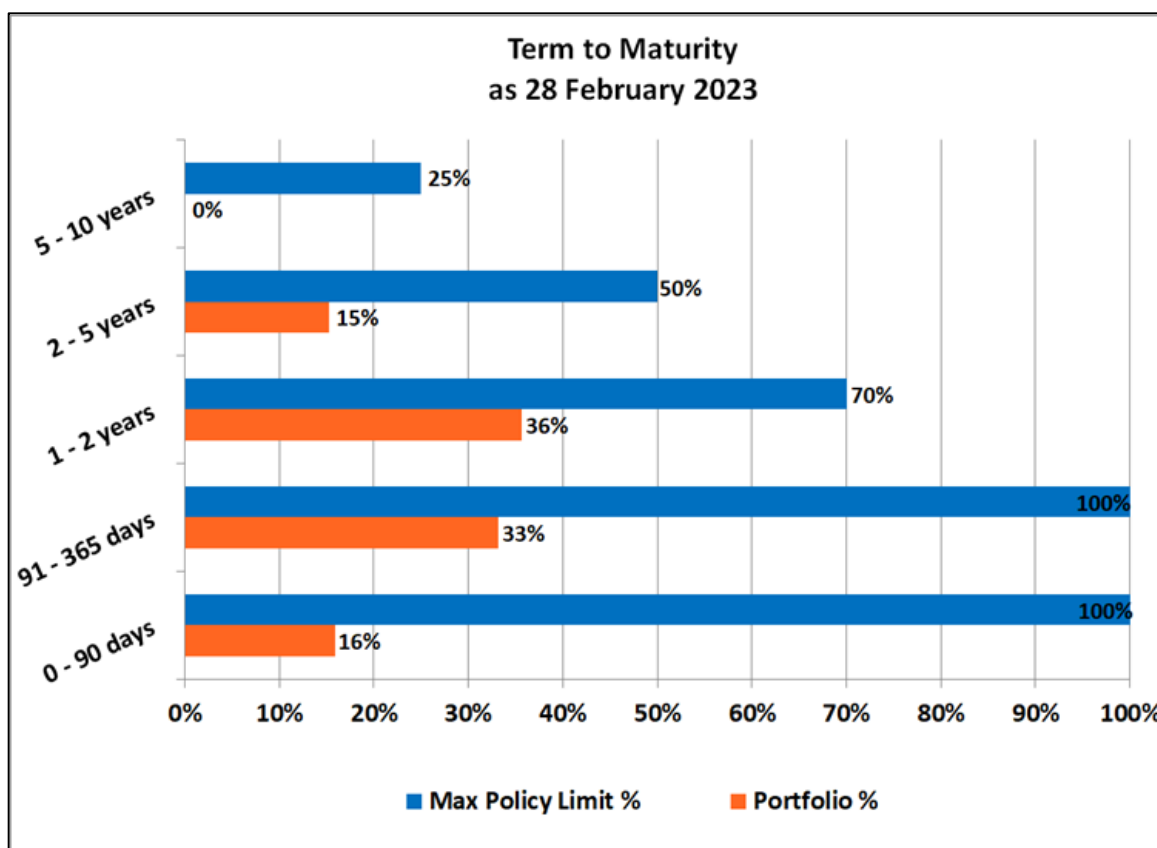
Most of the portfolio is spread between term deposits (78.81 %) and senior floating rate notes (15.50%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA and Macquarie Bank (4.71%) and the "AAA" rated fixed covered bond (0.98%). The FRNs add additional liquidity and are generally accessible within 2-3 business days. FRNs are also dominated by the higher-rated ADIs which allows Council to maintain a bias towards the higher-rated banks.



**Term to Maturity**

The portfolio remains diversified from a maturity perspective with a spread of maturities out to 5 years. Medium-term (2-5 years) assets account for around 15.24% of the total investment portfolio.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested	%	Min Limit	Max Limit
✓	0-90 days	\$25,586,169	15.88%	10%	100%
✓	91-365 days	\$53,499,232	33.20%	20%	100%
✓	1-2 years	\$57,507,662	25.69%	0%	70%
✓	2-5 years	\$24,558,233	15.24%	0%	50%
✓	5-10 years	0	0%	0%	25%



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

### Credit Quality

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

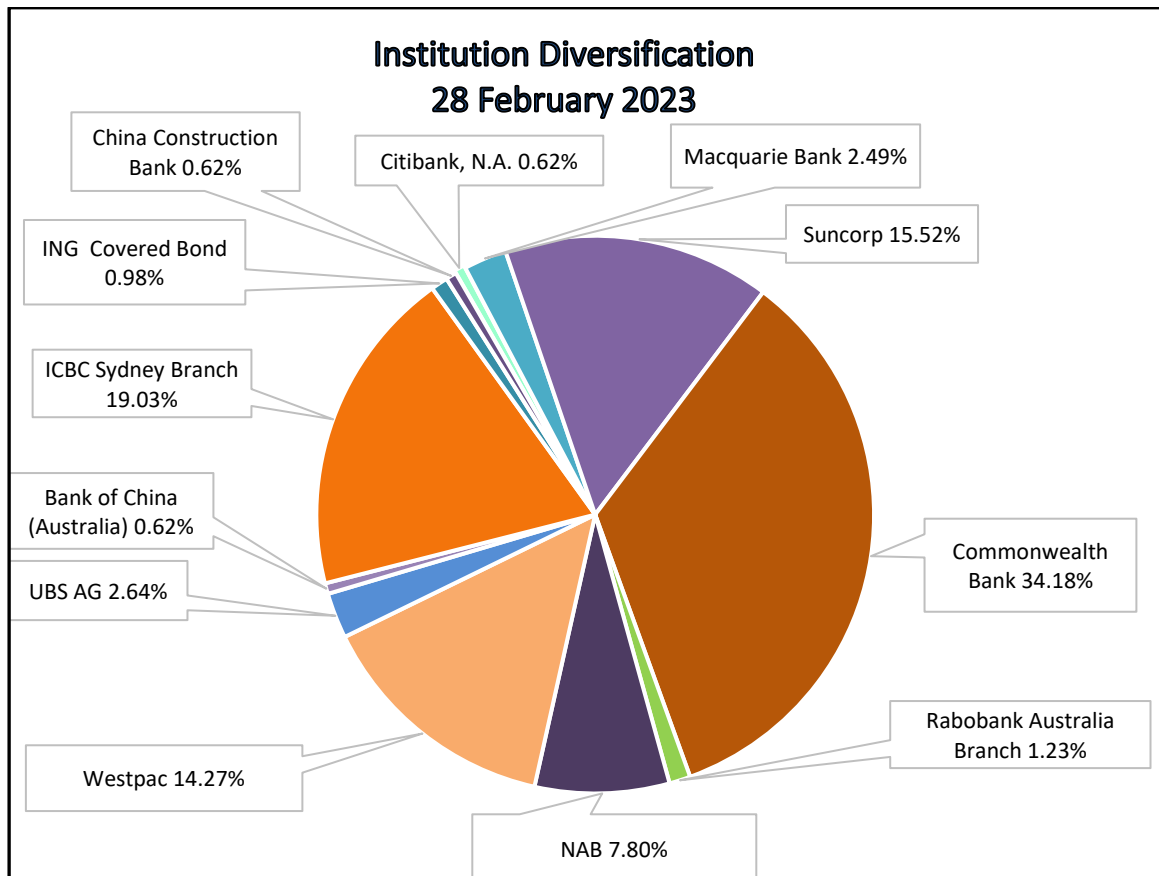
Compliant	Rating	Invested	Invested	Max. Limit	Available
✓	AAA Category	\$1,582,016	0.98%	100%	\$159,569,280
✓	AA Category	\$90,640,715	56.23%	100%	\$70,510,581
✓	A Category	\$68,928,565	42.77%	80%	\$59,992,472
✓	Unrated ADIs	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0

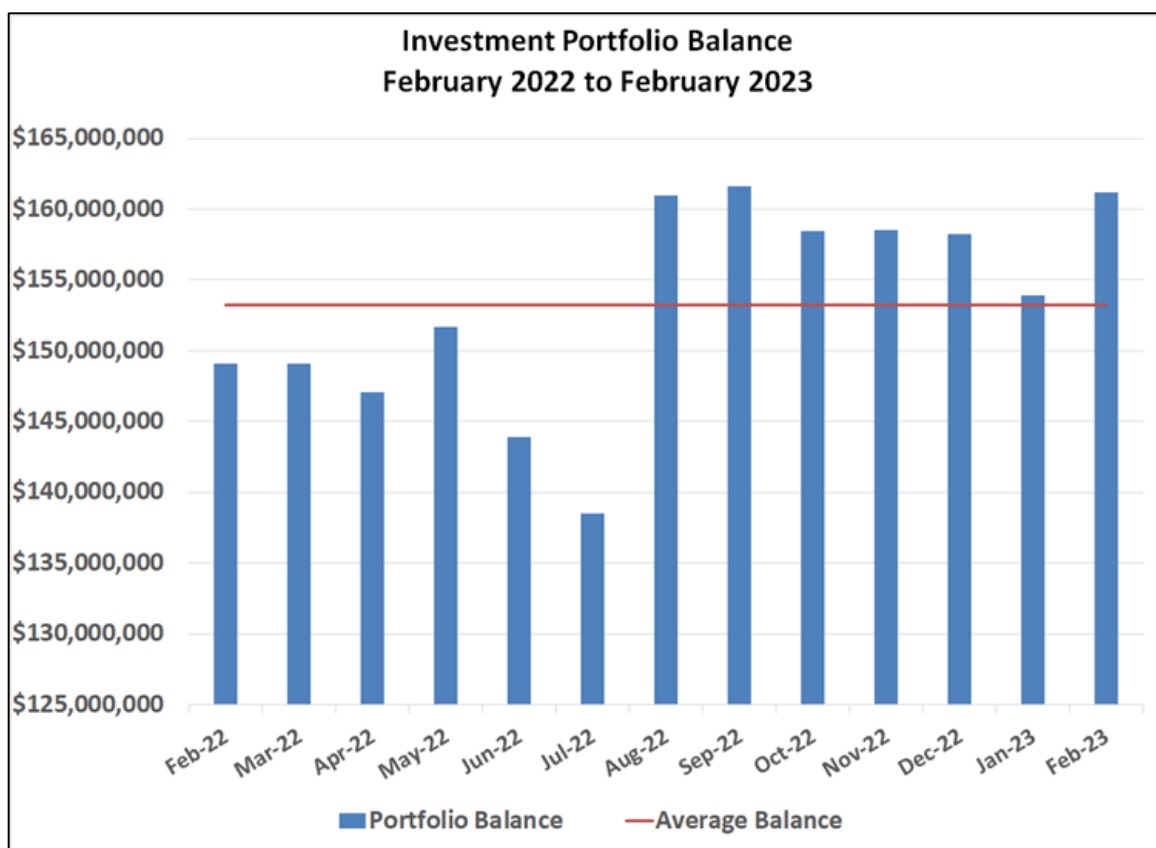
### Counterparty

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

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Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested	%	Max. Limit	Available
✓	ING Covered	AAA	\$1,582,016	0.98%	40%	\$62,878,502
✓	CBA	AA-	\$55,074,418	34.18%	40%	\$9,386,101
✓	NAB	AA-	\$12,566,297	7.80%	40%	\$51,894,221
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$23,000,000	14.27%	40%	\$41,460,518
✓	Citibank	A+	\$1,000,535	0.62%	25%	\$39,287,289
✓	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$4,006,655	2.49%	25%	\$36,281,169
✓	Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$1,984,416	1.23%	25%	\$38,303,408
✓	Suncorp	A+	\$25,009,629	15.52%	25%	\$15,278,196
✓	UBS AG	A+	\$4,260,336	2.64%	25%	\$36,027,489
✓	Bank of China	A	\$999,232	0.62%	25%	\$39,288,592
✓	China Construction Bank	A	\$999,232	0.62%	25%	\$39,288,592
✓	ICBC Sydney	A	\$30,671,693	19.03%	25%	\$9,616,131





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

Councils restricted and unrestricted funds as at 28 February 2023 are shown below. Unrestricted Cash is the cash that is readily available or convertible to cash for Councils’ day-to-day management. The restricted cash is either externally or internally restricted. Externally restricted cash can only be spent as permitted in line with legislative responsibilities and/or contractual obligations, while internally restricted cash is to be spent on Council-specific funding commitments as per the operational plan and adopted Council budget.

<b>Investment Portfolio Balance as at 28 February 2023</b>		<b>\$161,151,296.10</b>
Restricted Cash	Internal	\$86,600,532.00
	External	\$54,316,371.54
Unrestricted Cash		\$20,234,392.56
<b>Total Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</b>		<b>\$161,151,296.10</b>

**Loan Funds**

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

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

- \$19.5M for the Heffron Centre Project

The payment frequency is semi-annually with the first loan repayment made on the 10 May 2022. The repayment amount is \$1,877,039.92 and the next payment will be due on 10 May 2023.

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

- For 1 Year – 4.90%
- For 2 Years – 4.91%
- For 3 Years – 4.83%
- For 4 Years – 4.80%
- For 5 Years – 4.84%

As such, the Council is in a notionally advantageous position in earning interest income on our loan. In addition, the delay in the use of loan funds with the deferral of capital works projects into the next financial year enables the council to invest these surplus funds in the short to medium-term investment offerings.

### Green Investment

Council's investment policy includes guidelines that give preference to placing funds with institutions identified as not dealing with fossil fuel companies, where financial institutions offer equivalent investment returns with the same credit rating. The big four banks and other institutions rated A- and above have some exposure to fossil fuels. The banks with little or no exposure to fossil fuels are the lower-rated institutions. The current policy does not permit investments in these BBB-rated institutions.

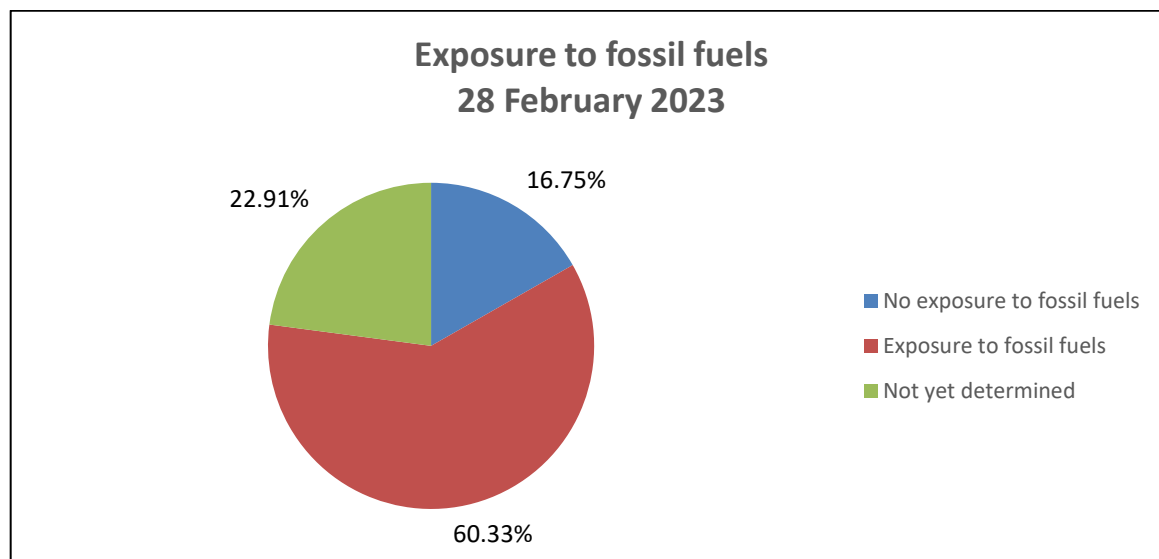
Council's exposure to fossil fuel funds is shown below:

Counterparty	Credit rating	Funding fossil fuel	Position
ING Covered Bond	AAA	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels in Australia since 2016
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels globally since 2016
Nab	AA-	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels globally since 2016
Westpac	AA-	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels globally since 2016
Citibank	A+	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016
Macquarie Bank	A+	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels globally since 2016 and holds more than \$2.5 billion of shares in numerous coal, oil and gas companies
Rabobank	A+	No	Does not finance the primary production of fossil fuels
Suncorp	A+	No	Loans to fossil fuels in 2008/2009, but released the position statement that they have withdrawn from the sector
UBS	A+	Not yet determined	No Position provided
Bank of China (Australia)	A	Not yet determined	No Position provided
China Construction Bank	A	Not yet determined	No Position provided
ICBC, Sydney Branch	A	Not yet determined	No Position provided

Based on the portfolio balance of \$161.15 million at 28 February 2023, funding with green initiatives banks made up 16.75 percent of total investment, or \$26.99 million. Funding with banks that have exposure to fossil fuels constitutes 60.33 percent, or \$97.23 million. The remaining 22.91 percent is not yet determined as no position has been provided by the financial institutions.

Institutions	Invested	Invested %
No exposure to fossil fuels	\$26,994,044.16	16.75%
Exposure to fossil fuels	\$97,229,921.32	60.33%
Not yet determined	\$36,927,330.62	22.91%

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**Strategic alignment**

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

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

**Resourcing Strategy implications**

The Original budget provision for investment income is \$1,270,504. The September and December quarterly budget reviews have been reported to Council with an additional of \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively, for investment interest on top of the original budget. The total revised interest on investments budget will be \$2,570,504. Investment income received to 28 February is \$2,208,850.24, representing 85.93% of the budget year to date. The increased portfolio balance and the recent rise in interest rates continue to result in overall improved returns.

**Policy and legislative requirements**

Council is authorised by Section 625 of the Local Government Act to invest its surplus funds. Funds will only be invested in the form of investment notified by Order of the Minister dated 12

January 2011. The Local Government (General) Regulation prescribes the records that must be maintained in relation to Council's Investment Policy

### Conclusion

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

All investments as at 28 February 2023 have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policy

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**Responsible officer:** Xinyu Zhang, Financial Accountant

**File Reference:** F2016/06527





## Director Corporate Services Report No. CO16/23

**Subject: Monthly Financial Report as at 28 February 2023**

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### Executive Summary

- Monthly Financial Reports are produced as a means of monitoring the financial performance of the Council and ensuring that all appropriate financial controls are being adhered to.
- Council's liquidity remains sound as at 28 February 2023, with capacity to meet short term obligations as they fall due.
- Council's Chief Financial Officer, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is satisfactory.

### Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report as at 28 February 2023 be received and noted.

### Attachment/s:

1.   Monthly Financial Statements - Income Statement - February 2023
2.   Monthly Financial Statements - Balance Sheet - February 2023
3.   Monthly Financial Statements - Cash Flow Statement - February 2023

## Purpose

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

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

## Discussion

This report provides the financial results of the Council as at 28 February 2023.

- **Income Statement** (Attachment 1):  
The Income Statement summarizes the Council's financial performance year to date (YTD). The income statement presents the financial results for a stated period. The statement quantifies the amount of revenue generated and the expenses incurred by the Council as well as any resulting net surplus or deficit.
  - Materials and contracts expenses exceeded year-to-date trends due to timing of software licencing and agency staff expenditure. This has been budgeted for in our current budget and within expectations.

### 2022-23 Financial Performance Summary

	Current 2022-23 Budget (\$'000)	2022-23 February YTD (\$'000)
Income from continuing operations	\$193,840	\$135,436
Expenses from continuing operations	\$175,064	\$115,365
Net operating result for 2022-23	\$18,776	\$20,071
Net operating result before Capital Grants and Contributions for 2022-23	\$2,458	\$8,467

- **Balance Sheet Statement** (Attachment 2):  
A Balance Sheet is a statement of the financial position of the Council that lists the assets, liabilities, and equity at a particular point in time. In other words, the balance sheet illustrates a Council's net worth. The balance sheet provides a snapshot of the finances (what it owns and owes) as of a specific date.
  - Cash, cash equivalents and investments have increased from previous period due to positive cash flow as a result of lower payments to suppliers than income received from rates, grants and user charges in the current period.
- **Cash Flow Statement** (Attachment 3):  
The Cash Flow Statement is a financial statement that shows how cash moves in and out of a Council's accounts via three main channels: operating, investing, and financing activities. The sum of these three segments is called net cash flow. The cash flow statements measures how well the Council manages its cash position, meaning how well the Council generates cash to pay its debt obligations and fund its operating expenses.

The current ratio is a liquidity ratio that measures Council's ability to pay short-term obligations or those due within one year. The current ratio as at 28 February 2023 is 3.29 compared to 3.03 as at 30 June 2022. The Council's target is a ratio equal to or greater than 1.5 based on the Long-Term

Financial Plan. Our current ratio meets this target and indicates Council's liquidity remains sound at the end of February 2023. Together with a positive net operating result before Capital Grants and Contributions of \$8.5M, the financial position of the Council remains satisfactory.

### Performance Ratio Summary

The purpose of the Performance Ratio Summary table is that it displays the key Financial Performance indicators as outlined by the Office of Local Government. It also provides indication of Council's financial performance, liquidity and management of debt recovery. The indicators are as follows:

	Industry Benchmark	Original 2022-23 Budget	February 2023 YTD Actuals
Operating Performance Ratio	>=0.00%	1.72%	6.84%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	>=60.00%	92.01%	87.78%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	>1.5	2.44	2.62
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage	<5.00%	3.80%	4.50%*

- Operating Performance Ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.
- Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio measures the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions.
- Unrestricted Current Ratio is to assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.
- Rates, Annual Charges, Interest and Extra Charges Outstanding Ratio assesses the impact of uncollected rates, annual charges, interest and extra charges on a council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts.

\*4.50% is the anticipated target that will be achieved towards the end of this financial year as debt recovery management has been strong and on track to reach target.

### The Heffron Centre Project

As of 15 February 2023, the Heffron Centre Project is showing a total of \$46.9M actual expense from an approved budget of \$57.8M. To date the project is on budget.

### Des Renford Leisure Centre – DRLC

The Des Renford Leisure Centre's 2022-23 budget remains on target, with February producing the highest monthly income to date for the financial year. Combined income across 'User Charges & Fees' and 'Other Revenues' in February totalled almost \$871k, approximately 10% of the annual budget. With term 2 Swim School enrolments commencing in mid-March, DRLC is nicely positioned to continue its strong start to the year and remain ahead of budget.

While it has been a positive month for income, the increased patronage has also seen a correspondingly high level of expenses across 'Employee Wages' (10.9%) and 'Material & Contracts' (11.6%) compared to the annual budget. This is to be expected, with expenditure typically tapering off and reducing post Easter. With the long-term effects of COVID delaying a full-recovery and return to pre-COVID numbers, March and April revenue will be closely monitored to determine how strong DRLC is performing against its budget.

## Strategic alignment

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

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

## Resourcing Strategy implications

The recommended Budget for 2022-23 is balanced and sustainable with a budget operating result before capital contributions of \$2.6M. The Council's financial position remains sound. The Council continues to have a strong balance sheet demonstrated through the robustness of working capital and sound liquidity through healthy cash generation.

## Policy and legislative requirements

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

## Conclusion

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

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**Responsible officer:** Stephen Wong, Chief Financial Officer

**File Reference:** F2021/00364









## Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM16/23

**Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Resident Parking Scheme at Fenton Avenue Maroubra**

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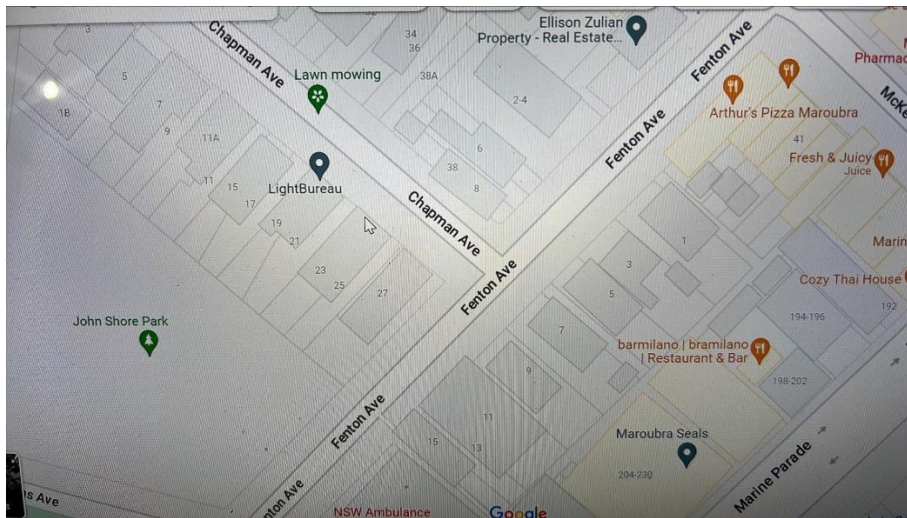
**Motion:**

That:

- a) Council request a report with regards to the possibility of installing a residential parking scheme on Fenton Ave Maroubra along the areas where parking has time limits.
- b) the report will include feedback from impacted residents in the areas mentioned.

**Background:**

Along Fenton Ave Maroubra, between Mons Ave and McKeon St, there is some parking whereby 2 hours limits apply. There are other areas along Fenton Ave where 30-minute limits apply. Some residents on the street have reported that they are unable to park for long periods near their home and they don't have adequate parking at their residences. As such a report regarding the possible installation of a residents' parking scheme is sought.



**Attachment/s:**

Nil

**Submitted by:** Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

**File Reference:** F2014/01091



## Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM17/23

**Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Assistance for WIRES at the Randwick Environment Park**

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### Motion:

That Council provide and cover costs for two green FOGO bins plus a weekly collection service for the WIRES volunteers at the Randwick Environment Park.

### Background:

WIRES East have 193 members, 69 of these are residents in Randwick LGA.

They require two Fogo bins that include emptying each week, for the uneaten foliage/green waste from the possums and birds housed at the Hendy Ave / Randwick Environment Park aviaries.

The graph shows the number of possum rescues in the Randwick LGA for 2021-2022. There are around 401 possum rescues annually in Randwick LGA. Approximately 50- 60% of these go to the Hendy Ave Aviary. WIRES also have birds at the Hendy Ave aviary for around 6 months of the year. WIRES East branch house their pre-release possums and birds at the Hendy Ave Aviary.

WIRES have possums at the aviary, every day of the year and they are fed foliage each day, in all weather. Approximately 10 branches of browse foliage are provided possum / per day. Each branch of browse foliage should be around 60cm long. WIRES currently have 15 possums at the aviary. The uneaten foliage/green wastes need to be removed each day.

Some of the Local Randwick LGA possum rescues are sometimes orphans, or older juvenile & adult possums that end up in someone's house, in a car engine, cupboard, bathroom, caught on a balcony, dragging back legs, fallen from a tree or a building, down a drain, hit by a car, attacked by a dog or cat or found in a toilet of a pre-school. For bird rescues, they include orphans, exhausted birds in windy conditions, concussed from flying into a window, caught inside an apartment foyer, broken wings, cat & dog attacks, down a drain, nesting in someone's pool area, injured legs or on a footpath not being able to move.

Having two Fogo bins would save the aviary volunteers from carrying out the green waste-tougher in the wet. At the moment that's around 80-100 partly eaten branches.

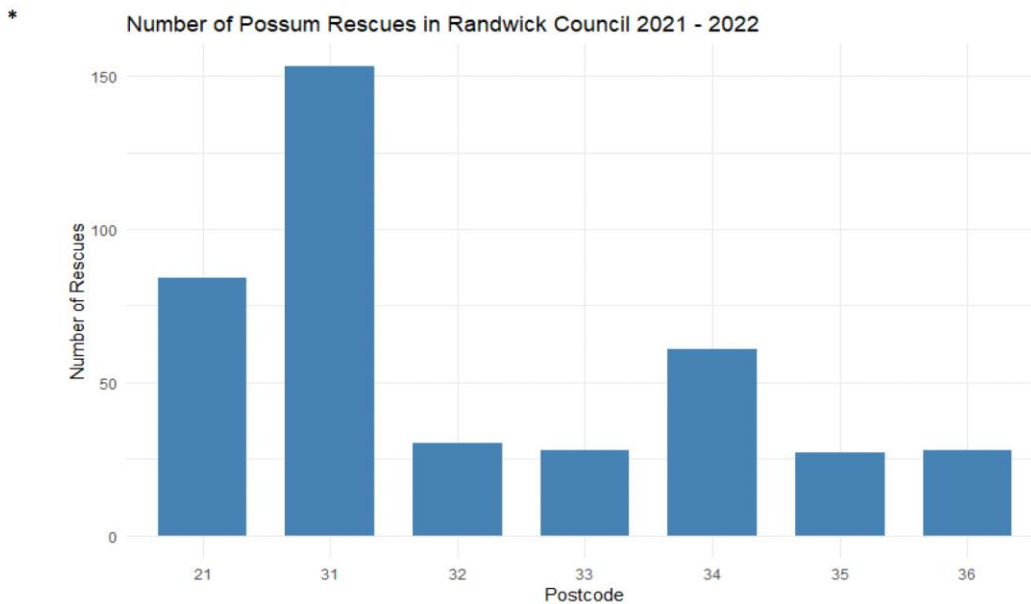
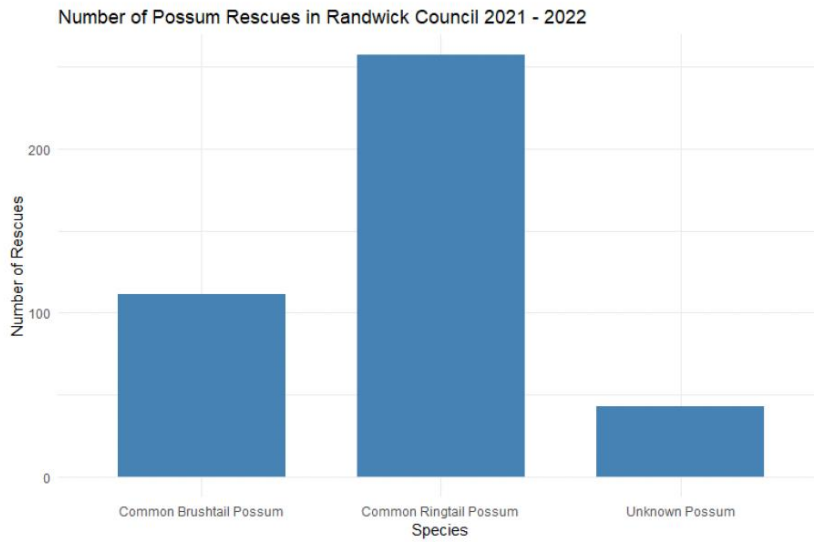
## Randwick Council Possum Rescues 2021 – 2022

Total number of rescues = 411

**Relevant fates:**

In care: 25

Released: 104



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**Attachment/s:**

Nil

**Submitted by:** Councillor Veitch, West Ward

**File Reference:** F2021/00126

**NM17/23**



## Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM18/23

**Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Olive - Evaluate the need for an additional position within the Bushland/Bushcare Unit**

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### Motion:

That Council Officers bring a report back to Council evaluating the need for an additional Bushcare Officer or other position within the Bushland/Bushcare Unit.

### Background:

The Council Bushland/Bushcare Unit is comprised of a Supervisor, a Bushland Officer and a Bushcare Officer. The unit has had 3 staff since 2013 but previously had 4 staff. In the task of bush regeneration (including weed control and replanting), Bushland contractors are employed by Council and staff supervise 14 volunteer Bushcare groups.

The current 2022/23 Bushland/Bushcare Unit budget is \$908,789. While annual budgets may not equate to actual spending (sometimes this is higher and sometimes lower) it is the figure used for planning. From 2017 to 2022, the Unit's budget increased by about 7% and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 14%. Prima facie, that represents a real decrease in funding.

Alongside this lack of growth in resources, the Bushland/Bushcare Unit is taking on more responsibility. The following quote is from answers to Questions with Notice at the February Council Business Meeting:

*Within this time, from 2013 to the present, there has been an increase in the quantity and complexity of bushland sites managed and maintained by the team. However, there has also been an increase in the number of Bushcare groups and Bushland contractors operating within these sites.*

Given Council policy is not to have unsupervised volunteers, an increase in the number of Bushcare groups is one example of that extra responsibility.

An important point to make is that Bushcare groups and Bushland contractors take different approaches to weed management. The Bushcare groups mainly hand weed while the Bushland contractors often use herbicides.

Why is hand weeding an important method of weed control? To quote Claire Bettington from Friends of Malabar Headland:

*Poison is at best a short-term "fix", as the weeds ALWAYS return; at worst it is contributing to the accumulating overload of toxins in our stressed environments, poisoning not only the plants, but people, fauna, soil organisms and vital bacteria & fungi – we are killing the very web of life!*

It should be said that Friends of Malabar Headland have had huge success in digging up weeds and exotic grasses where they appear and have almost eliminated Bitou Bush, Lantana and Pampas from the Malabar Headland during their 37 years of bushcare.

It would seem to me that having one extra staff member on the Unit would open possibilities for additional supervision leading to more Bushcare Groups, less need for contractors, more hand weeding, less herbicides, and more community buy in with more volunteers.

Reference: [Consumer price index \(CPI\) rates | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](https://ato.gov.au)

### Attachment/s:

Nil

**Submitted by:** Councillor Olive, East Ward

**File Reference:** F2005/00513

NM18/23

## Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM19/23

**Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Olive - Report outlining green investment strategies**

NM19/23

### Motion:

That:

- a) Council officers bring a report back to Council outlining strategies that would reduce the dollar proportion of fossil fuel related investments in Council’s financial portfolio;
- b) these strategies conform to Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, 2010 Investment Policy Guidelines and the 2011 Ministerial Investment Order; and
- c) the report includes aspects such as: risk appetite; council comparisons; socially responsible investments; government bonds versus floating rate notes, private bonds and on call funds; comparisons between fossil fuel lending and non-fossil fuel lending Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs); and level comparisons across fossil fuel lending ADIs.

### Background:

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that burning fossil fuels and changes in land use have increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and this is responsible for global warming. Further, the IPCC says:

*The science is unequivocal: Climate change endangers the well-being of people and the planet. Delayed action risks triggering impacts of climate change so catastrophic our world will become unrecognizable.*

Record breaking fires and floods in our own region have reinforced our understanding of the dangers of climate change and, as a result, the public expect governments to act in the transition away from fossil fuel and toward renewable energy.

In this regard, Randwick City Council (RCC) have been on the front foot by entering into renewable energy purchasing power agreements, in providing subsidies to residents to improve energy efficiency and incentivise the take up of solar photovoltaic systems and having a rollout program for electric vehicle charging stations.

	Fossil Fuels lending ADIs	Non-Fossil Fuel lending ADIs	Socially Responsible Investment	Govt bonds, etc – including tCorp
Randwick	82% (24% unconfirmed)	18%	0	0
Inner West	0	47%	53%	0
Waverley	16%	39%	35%	10%
Hornsby	56%	25%	12%	7%

However, RCC is not a leader amongst councils when it comes to the divestment from fossil fuels. We can see from the table above that approximately 18% of our financial portfolio by dollar value is invested with non-fossil fuel lending ADIs, while Inner West Council have 100% of their financial portfolio invested in non-fossil fuel or socially responsible products.

We need a financial stocktake to see where we can make gains in our green investment portfolio. Currently, RCC have investments in on call funds, fixed term deposits, private fixed bonds and floating rate notes but no investment in government bonds or socially responsible investments. Is this the right strategy to help us transition away from fossil fuels? What would it mean to change our risk tolerance? What do other councils do in this space? Can we invest more in non-fossil fuel

lending ADIs? Can RCC move some of their investments from high fossil fuel lending ADIs to lower fossil fuel lending ADIs? What is a socially responsible investment? These are some of the questions that the report should be looking at.

Reference: <https://www.wri.org/insights/ipcc-report-2022-climate-impacts-adaptation-vulnerability>

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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**Submitted by:** Councillor Olive, East Ward

**File Reference:** F2016/06527

## Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM20/23

**Subject:** Notice of Motion from Cr Hamilton - Investigate ways to improve development application processing times

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**Motion:**

That Council investigate ways to improve development application processing times. Further, that council staff bring back to council a report on options, improvement initiatives and projected improvements to council within three months.

**Background:**

Council is currently undertaking a review of their DA service and residents are keen to ensure that improvements in speeding up DA processing times are included as a core objective of the review.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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**Submitted by:** Councillor Hamilton, North Ward

**File Reference:** F2012/00347