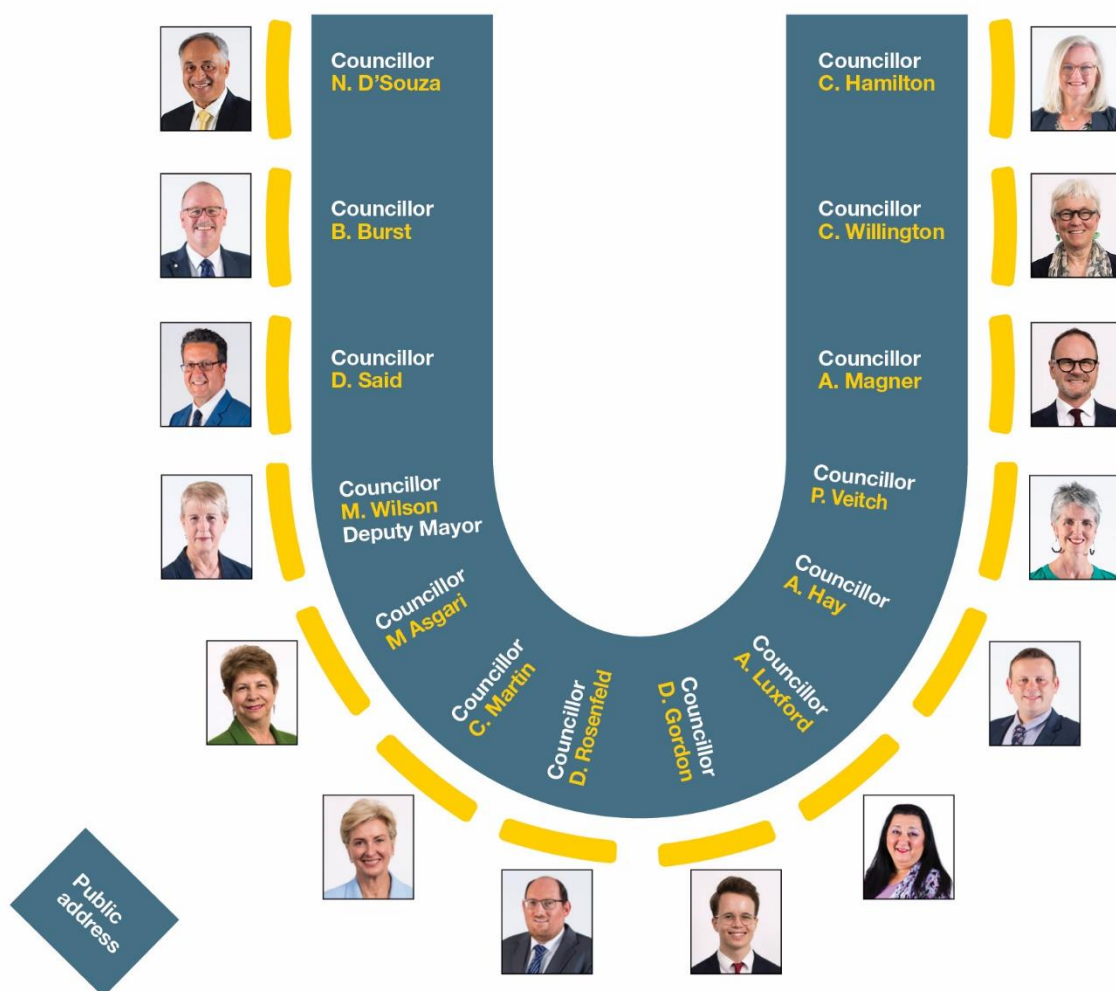


Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Seating plan for Council meetings



Statement of ethical obligations

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



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor Randwick Town Hall, 90 Avoca St Randwick on Tuesday, 26 November 2024 at 7:00pm

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**Requests to attend meeting by audio-visual link****Confirmation of the Minutes**

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Extraordinary Council - 29 October 2024

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**Address of Council by Members of the Public**

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Closed Session

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Nil

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Ray Brownlee, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

Director City Planning Report No. CP49/24

Subject: Report from Fire and Rescue NSW - 10 Church Street, Randwick


Executive Summary

- The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, contains provisions which enable authorised Council and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) officers to undertake inspections of existing buildings to review the levels of fire safety.
- An inspection of the residential apartment building located at 10 Church Street, Randwick was recently undertaken by FRNSW.
- Council recently received a report from FRNSW in accordance with section 9.32 and Schedule 5, Part 8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* relating to fire safety of the subject premises and indicating actions required to be implemented to address any fire safety issues.
- Council's fire safety officers have reviewed the report, carried out an inspection of the building and have issued a notice of intention to serve an Order to upgrade the level of fire safety for the occupants in the event of a fire.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report from the Director City Planning and the report from Fire & Rescue NSW relating to premises at 10 Church Street, Randwick.

Attachment/s:

1.  FRNSW Inspection Report - 10 Church St Randwick - Randwick Council

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the receipt of an inspection report received from Fire and Rescue NSW in accordance with Schedule 5, Part 8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and to inform Council of the proposed action taken in response to the reports. The report relates to a four-storey residential apartment building located at 10 Church Street, Randwick.

Discussion

Background

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, contains provisions which enable authorised Council and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) officers to undertake inspections and investigate concerns relating to the existing levels of fire safety in buildings.

In the case of an investigation and inspection of a premises by a FRNSW officer, a report is forwarded to the Council, to determine if a Fire Safety Order should be issued by Council's authorised officer.

The correspondence received from Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) recommends that Council officers carry out an inspection and assessment to address the identified fire safety deficiencies in the building, which has recently been undertaken.

The referral of these matters to Council is standard practice, as Council is the appropriate regulatory authority for these matters under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and only Council officers are authorised to issue Fire Safety building upgrading Orders.

The items raised in FRNSW Inspection Reports are limited to observations of the building accessed during their inspection at the time, which may not be exhaustive and does not include an assessment of previous development consents, approvals or consideration of the age of the building.

Council's Senior Building Surveyor has assessed the inspection report from FRNSW and has issued a Notice of Intention to serve a Fire Safety Order to address the identified fire safety issues.

Issues

A summary of the report received from FRNSW dated 13 September 2024, together with comments by Council officers is provided below.

Premises Inspected	Reason for Investigation	Items Raised	Actions
10 Church Street Randwick	An inspection of the subject building was conducted by officers from FRNSW on 10 September 2024.	Non compliances with the current NCC (BCA) provisions in relation to smoke detection and alarm system, sprinkler system and bounding construction/doors.	Council's fire safety officers have reviewed the report, carried out a site inspection and commenced regulatory action to upgrade the building to provide an adequate level of fire safety protection to the occupants. Matters to be addressed include, installation and certification of fire safety measures, including smoke detection and alarm system, emergency lighting, fire doors, exit signage, fire resisting and bounding construction.

Premises Inspected	Reason for Investigation	Items Raised	Actions

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Health, Building & Regulatory Services
Function	Regulation and Compliance
Delivery program commitment	Implement Council's key regulatory functions, responsibilities and services relating to public health, environmental protection and building and development compliance.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no financial implications arising from this matter.

Policy and legislative requirements

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
Council's Compliance and Enforcement Policy.

Conclusion

FRNSW and Council work together to protect the occupants of buildings and support community safety.

FRNSW are required to refer any identified 'building-related' fire safety matters to Council for further investigation and any appropriate regulatory action, in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

In relation to the subject premises at 10 Church Street, Randwick, Council officers have commenced regulatory action to ensure that adequate levels of fire safety are provided to the occupants of the building.

Responsible officer: Greg Hynes, Coordinator Building Certification and Fire Safety

File Reference: F2024/06103

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File Ref. No: FRN24/1825 - BFS24/3521 - 8000036096
TRIM Ref. No: D2024/109563
Contact: Conor Hackett

13 September 2024

General Manager
Randwick City Council
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Email: council@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: INSPECTION REPORT
10 CHURCH STREET RANDWICK ("the premises")**

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) received correspondence on 18 June 2024 concerning the adequacy of the provision for fire safety in connection with 'the premises'. The correspondence stated that:

We live in building 10 church street Randwick ground floor, just above the car park lot.

The fire door of found floor level could not be closed properly for more than a year. We have been talking to one managerial staff, [Name withheld], about this issue. He has not fixed the door still. We have found one notice on the fire door on 12/06/2024, says "this is a fire door, it has to be closed at all times, except when moving furniture items etc, in or out."

One of the residents has responded to this note, explaining the issue is the protruding carpet has obstructed the door from closing, which should be fixed.

[Name withheld] has called this resident and left a voicemail saying that he knew the problem is the carpet stopping the fire door. But fixing the door costs too much money and therefore the strata and [Name withheld] just want the residents to close the door manually all the time.

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This carpet has been renewed over a year ago, and it has always been obstructed this fire door from closing properly. However this building has got their annual fire certificate approved on 10/07/2023. Would you please look into this, how come they got passed on fire safety check when this fire door does not close properly.

Apparently the strata and [Name withheld] have not planned to fix the fire door anytime soon. This can lead to serious fire safety outcomes as there are three units, at least 4 residents, living down on the ground floor behind this problematic fire door.

The matter that the strata and building manager decided to save money on fire doors and expose residents to potential fire danger is not acceptable. Especially they have just newly installed cameras system to the building on 12/06/2024. To the resident there, this part of money can be used for fire safety first.

If this strata and [Name withheld] do not care about the residents on the ground floor. I think it is very necessary to let you know about this issue. Would you please send staff come over and check the this fire door, and please sort this issue as soon as possible?

Pursuant to Section 9.32(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW inspected 'the premises' on 10 September 2024.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, the comments in this report are provided under Section 9.32(4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(1) of the EP&A Act.

The items listed in the comments of this report are based on the following limitations:

- A general overview of the building was obtained without using the development consent conditions or approved floor plans as a reference.
- Details of the Provisions for Fire Safety and Fire Fighting Equipment are limited to a visual inspection of the parts in the building accessed and the fire safety measures observed at the time.

COMMENTS

This report is limited to observations and sections of the building accessed at the time of the inspection. As such, this report lists potential deviations from the National Construction Code 2022 Building Code of Australia – Volume One (NCC).

Please be advised that whilst the report is not an exhaustive list of non-compliances, the items as listed may relate to the building's age or contradict development consent approval. In this regard, it is at council's discretion as the appropriate regulatory authority to consider the most appropriate action and determine whether an investigation is required.

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The following items were identified during the inspection:

1. Essential Fire Safety Measures

- 1A. Building Occupant Warning System (BOWS) - The building appears to be provided with a smoke alarm system throughout, consisting of AS3786 smoke alarms in the public corridors/common areas and the sole occupancy units, in accordance with Clause E2D8 and Specification 20 (Clause S20C3) of the NCC.

Smoke alarms in the common areas of the block containing units 9-20 were tested and appeared to be interconnected, however the alarms in the block containing units 1-8 did not appear to be interconnected between all levels, to provide a common building alarm though all occupied areas, in accordance with the requirements of Clause S20C7 of Specification 20 of the NCC. Further investigation by Council may be required.

- 1B. Sprinkler Coverage - The building contains a Class 2 part and has a rise in stories of 4 or more however, the building is not sprinkler protected, contrary to the requirements of Clause E1D6 of the NCC.

- 1C. Bounding Construction – With regard to the screen security door which have been installed on the outside of unit 9, the following is noted:

- A. Screen doors promote the occupants to 'chock open' the SOU entry fire door, which is in contravention of Clause C4D12 of the NCC which requires a doorway in a Class 2 SOU be protected by a fire door which is equipped with a device which returns the door to the fully closed position immediately after each opening.
- B. It is noted that the screen doors have been mechanically fixed to the metal doorframe with an opening having been cut through the frame at the strike plate to accommodate the latching bolt. In that regard, it is unclear whether the screen door and associated fixings form part of the tested specimen which has been subjected to fire resistance tests in accordance with AS 1530.4 and AS 1905.1.

The following is the formal position of FRNSW in regard to screen doors: *FRNSW recommends against the fitting of security or screen doors to SOUs due to the increased likelihood of the main fire door of the unit being propped open, corridor egress being impeded by an open security/screen door, and the fire rating of the door frame being compromised from any modification when fitting any additional door.*

1D. Fire Door –

- A. The metal tag to the edge of the doorframe to the lobby of units 9-11 has been painted over, contrary to the requirements of Clause 6.1 of AS 1905.1-2015.

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- B. It is unclear if the door leaf which separates the lobby of units 9-11 from the stair, is a compliant fire-resistant door in accordance with the requirements of Clauses C4D5 & S12C2 of the NCC. In this regard, a metal tag was not affixed to the edge of the door leaf as required under Clause 6.1 of AS1905.1-2015.

FRNSW believes that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

- a. Review items 1A to 1D of this report and conduct an inspection.
- b. Address any other deficiencies identified on "the premises".

Please be advised that Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(2) requires any report or recommendation from the Commissioner of FRNSW to be tabled at a Council meeting. This matter is referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority. FRNSW awaits the Council's advice regarding its determination under Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17 (4) of the EP&A Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact Conor Hackett of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit at FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9742 7434 if there are any questions or concerns about the above matters. Please refer to file reference FRN24/1825 - BFS24/3521 - 8000036096 regarding any correspondence concerning this matter.

Yours faithfully



Conor Hackett
Senior Building Surveyor
Fire Safety Compliance Unit

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Director City Planning Report No. CP50/24

**Subject: Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 - 1
October to 31 October 2024**

Executive Summary

- On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government published amendments in relation to the operation and reporting requirements of Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument (including Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012) to commence on 1 November 2023, in which it is no longer necessary to report determined variations to Council on a quarterly basis.
- Notwithstanding the above, the Council has requested that a monthly report providing details of applications subject to a variation of a development standard under clause 4.6 of Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 is to be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting.
- This report provides Council with details of Development Applications (DA) that were determined within the period from 1 October through to 31 October 2024 in which a variation to a development standard under Clause 4.6 of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 was approved, in accordance with Council's internal reporting requirements.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  Clause 4.6 Register - October 2024

Background

Changes to Legislation

On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government published amendments in relation to the operation and reporting requirements of Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument (including Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012) to commence on 1 November 2023.

Under Department's Planning Circular PS 20-002, Councils were required to provide quarterly reports to the DPE for all variations to development standards that were approved. Furthermore, the Circular required a report of all variations approved under delegation from a Council to be provided to a meeting of the Council meeting at least once each quarter. As part of the Clause 4.6 reform, Planning Circular PS 20-002 has been repealed as of 1 November 2023 and the amendments have introduced a new provision under Section 90A of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2021* (EP&A Regulation) which requires the following:

"As soon as practicable after the development application is determined, the Council of the area in which the development is proposed to be carried out must notify the Planning Secretary of the Council's or panel's reasons for approving or refusing the contravention of the development standard."

The notice must be given to the Planning Secretary through the NSW planning portal."

As of 1 November 2023, any variations approved by Council/Planning Panel will be made publicly available via a variation register published on the NSW Planning Portal. As such, in accordance with Section 90A of the EP&A Regulation, Councils are no longer required to submit quarterly reports to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as this information will be extracted from the NSW Planning Portal. Furthermore, as Planning Circular PS 20-002 has been repealed and the variation register shall be publicly available, it is no longer necessary to report determined variations to Council on a quarterly basis.

Notwithstanding the above, Council has resolved to provide monthly reporting on all variations and therefore this report provides Council with details of the relevant applications subject to a variation to a development standard pursuant to Clause 4.6 of RLEP 2012 for the period specified in accordance with Council's internal reporting requirements.

Discussion

Clause 4.6 – Exceptions to Development Standards

Clause 4.6 is required to be addressed if a development application seeks to vary a development standard in the Local Environmental Plan. The consent authority (i.e. Council, Randwick Local Planning Panel, Sydney Eastern Planning Panel or NSW Land and Environment Court) must not grant consent for development that contravenes a development standard unless, a written request has been provided by the applicant addressing Clause 4.6 of the LEP. If Council (or the relevant consent authority) is satisfied that the Clause 4.6 request is adequately justified, it may grant consent to the development even though the proposal does not comply with the relevant standard.

Details of Variations

A table is attached to the report detailing all Clause 4.6 exceptions approved in the period between 1 October through to 31 October 2024. Further analysis of the largest numerical variation for the period is detailed below. It should be noted that a detailed assessment report is prepared for each DA with a Clause 4.6 exception and is publicly available through Council's website.

October 2024

Six (6) Clause 4.6 variations were approved in the October period (being 1 October through to 31 October 2024), with two (2) applications determined under delegation (less than 10%) and four (4) applications determined by Randwick Local Planning Panel (RLPP) due to variations greater than 10%.

Of the variations approved, the greatest extent of variation related to DA/739/2024 at 7/18 Bona Vista Avenue, Maroubra, in which a variation of 33.3% to the Height of Buildings development

standard was approved. The RLPP supported the variation to the Building Height standard for the following reasons:

- The application sought consent for alterations and additions to an existing Residential Flat Building. The existing RFB is within a R2 low density residential zone and the proposed development is subject to existing use rights, noting that RFBs are not permitted within the R2 zone pursuant to the Land Use Table in RLEP 2012. As such, the site is subject to a maximum building height of 9.5m, consistent with the R2 zoning.
- The existing building on site has a building height of up to 14.25m and already contravenes the maximum building height applicable to the site.
- The application involved minor alteration and additions to one of the Units within the RFB including changes to windows. There is no increase to the overall building height.
- The proposed works were contained within the existing building envelope and sought to improve the amenity of the existing unit.
- The detailed assessment demonstrated that the resultant development would not result in any unreasonable impacts upon the amenity of adjoining and surrounding properties with regards to visual bulk, privacy, view loss and overshadowing.
- In view of the above, the proposal was found to be consistent with the objectives of the height of buildings development standard and the R2 zone, and it was considered that the site-specific circumstances warranted the variation in this instance.

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

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

This report provides details of the relevant applications subject to a variation to a development standard pursuant to Clause 4.6 of RLEP 2012 for the period specified in accordance with Council internal reporting requirements.

Responsible officer: Angela Manahan, Executive Planner

File Reference: F2008/00122

CLAUSE 4.6 REGISTER – OCTOBER 2024														
DA number	Street No.	Street name	Suburb/Town	Postcode	Category of development	Zoning of land	Development standard to be varied	Justification of variation	Extent of variation	Concurring authority	Date DA determined dd/mm/yyyy	Approved by	Submissions	
													Objection	Support
DA/603/2024	21	Dundas Street	COOGEE	2034	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.3 – Building Height of 9.5m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	Building Height = 10.355m or 9%	DPHI	09-Oct-24	DEL	0	0
DA/739/2024	7/18	Bona Vista Avenue	MAROUBRA	2035	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.3 – Building Height of 9.5m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	Building Height = existing building = 14.25m, proposed development = 14.25m or 33.33%	DPHI	10-Oct-24	RLPP	0	0
DA/638/2024	18	Bona Vista Avenue	MAROUBRA	2035	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.3 – Building Height of 9.5m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	Building Height = existing building = 14.25m, proposed development = 11.875m or 25%	DPHI	10-Oct-24	RLPP	0	0
DA/521/2024	5/39-41	Harbourne Road	KINGSFORD	2032	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R3 - Medium Density Residential	Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.9:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views	Existing FSR = 1.17:1 (932.7m ²) or 30%, FSR increased to 1.179:1 (939.65m ²) or 31%	DPHI	10-Oct-24	RLPP	0	0
DA/585/2024	16	Broome Street	MAROUBRA	2035	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.4A - FSR = 0.6:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views	FSR = 0.626:1 (384m ²) or 4.3%	DPHI	24-Oct-24	RLPP	11	0
DA/686/2024	14	Coldstream Street	SOUTH COOGEE	2034	2: Residential - new dwelling	R2 - Low Density Residential	Clause 4.3 – Building Height of 9.5m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views.	Building Height = 10.44m or 9.98%	DPHI	28-Oct-24	DEL	0	0

Director City Planning Report No. CP51/24

Subject: Outcomes of Heritage Review of 1 Maud Street, Randwick

Executive Summary

- At its meeting of 22 October 2024, Council resolved (Gordon/Magner) to note the Interim Heritage Order placed on 1 Maud St, Randwick and to further investigate the heritage significance of the site by undertaking another heritage assessment of the property/dwelling.
- This report responds to the October 2024 Council resolution and provides information on the heritage review of the property at 1 Maud Street, Randwick, to determine whether the site should be included in the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 as a local heritage item.
- The review was completed by GML Heritage on 7 November 2024.
- The site (together with 129 – 129a Barker Street, Randwick), is subject to a Development Application (DA/632/2024) currently under assessment which proposes the demolition of all existing structures and the construction of a 6-storey co-living housing development with 84 rooms and one basement level for parking, storage, and services. The DA has been subject to an appeal in the Land and Environment Court filed by the applicant on 5 September 2024.
- During public exhibition of the DA, several submissions were received raising concerns regarding the proposed demolition of the dwelling at 1 Maud Street on heritage grounds. In response, Council engaged heritage consultant, Phillips Marler, to undertake investigations of the subject property which found that the property meets the relevant heritage significance criteria under the Heritage NSW Guidelines for Assessing Heritage Significance. The report concluded that a listing under Schedule 5 of the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* (RLEP 2012) is warranted.
- On 1 October 2024, an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) was placed on the property, preventing any potential demolition. The IHO enables further analysis to be undertaken to establish whether a permanent heritage listing would be warranted. On 2 October 2024, a separate appeal was lodged against the IHO in the Land and Environment Court by the owner.
- The GML Heritage review report is based on an in-depth analysis of the history of the subject property and a site inspection. The review found that 1 Maud Street does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under one or more of the NSW heritage assessment criteria as a local heritage item under Schedule 5 of the Randwick LEP 2012.
- This report accordingly recommends that Council does not endorse the preparation of a planning proposal to list 1 Maud Street Randwick as a heritage item in the Randwick LEP 2012.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the report by GML Heritage recommending that No 1 Maud Street, Randwick, does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under one or more of the NSW heritage assessment criteria as a local heritage item under Schedule 5 of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012; and

- b) does not proceed with the preparation of a planning proposal to list the property at No 1 Maud Street, Randwick, as a heritage item on Schedule 5 of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Heritage Assessment of 1 Maud Street, Randwick by GML Heritage

CP51/24

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to detail the heritage significance review findings by GML Heritage in relation to No 1 Maud Street, Randwick. The GML Heritage report was prepared in response to a resolution of Council at its meeting on 22 October 2024 where it was resolved that a further investigation of the heritage significance of the subject property by another heritage consultant be undertaken prior to determining whether a planning proposal should be prepared to amend the RLEP 2012 to list the site as a local heritage item. GML has undertaken a review of the previous findings by Phillips Marler heritage consultant. The Phillips Marler report was based on an external analysis and desktop research and concluded that the property meets the threshold for heritage significance under the Heritage NSW Guidelines for Assessing Heritage Significance. GML also undertook an in-depth analysis of the history of the property and a site inspection (including the building interiors).

Background

In July 2024, a Development Application (DA/632/2024) was received proposing the demolition of all structures at 1 Maud Street and 129 – 129a Barker Street, Randwick to facilitate the construction of a 6-storey co-living housing development comprising 84 rooms with one basement level for parking, storage, and services. This application is subject to an appeal in the Land and Environment Court filed by the applicant on 5 September 2024.

The DA was publicly exhibited from 1 to 15 August 2024. A considerable number of submissions, including a petition with 36 signatures, was received by Council raising objections to the proposed demolition of the dwelling house at 1 Maud Street on the grounds that the existing building, potentially, is heritage significant. The petition was accompanied by an assessment undertaken by an architect supporting the heritage significance of the property.

In response to the issues raised during public exhibition, Council engaged Phillips Marler heritage consultant to undertake investigations into the potential heritage values and significance of the subject property. The assessment found that the property meets two relevant heritage significance criteria under the *Heritage NSW Guidelines for Assessing Heritage Significance*:

- Criterion C (Aesthetic Significance being a late Federation Bungalow) and
- Criterion B partial local significance (for its Historical Association with brothers Simeon (first Mayor of Randwick) and James Pearce).

Given the findings of the Phillips Marler report, Council accordingly, under delegated authority, placed an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) on the building and site which came into effect on 1 October 2024. The IHO temporarily protects 1 Maud Street for 6 months by prohibiting a range of activities from being carried out such as demolition, alterations and/or construction. The purpose of the IHO is to allow for sufficient time in which to conduct further detailed investigations to determine whether to proceed with a heritage listing under the RLEP 2012. Accordingly, at the Council meeting of 22 October 2024, Council considered the findings of the Phillips Marler heritage review and resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: (Gordon/Magner) that:

- a) Council note the Interim Heritage Order placed on the property at No 1 Maud Street, Randwick;*
- b) further investigation be undertaken into the heritage significance of the site by engaging another heritage assessment and conducting a site inspection if possible; and*
- c) that the outcome of this second assessment be reported to the next ordinary Council meeting.*

In line with Council's resolution, the matter was referred to heritage consultants, GML Heritage, on 30 October 2024, for further in-depth and detailed investigation of the heritage significance of the property including a site inspection, which was conducted on 6 November 2024.

On 7 November 2024, GML Heritage provided Council with a review assessment of 1 Maud Street, Randwick. The key aspects of the findings are addressed in the section below, particularly in relation to the significance criteria identified in the Phillips Marler report being Criterion C (Aesthetic Significance) and, partially, Criterion B (Historical Significance).

GML Heritage Review

The GML report states that the approach, methodology, assessment procedures, criteria and recommendations underlying their report have been prepared in accordance with the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, 2013 (the Burra Charter) and the guideline for 'Assessing Heritage Significance' prepared by the Heritage NSW, June 2023.

Heritage significance assessment

GML's Heritage assessment of the 7 criteria for heritage significance is detailed below. It should be noted that GML's assessment represents a "deep dive" into the heritage and historical background of the subject property beyond that undertaken in the Phillips Marler report given the wider resource material accessed and given the benefit of the site inspection of the property (including its interiors) made available by the owner of the site on 6 November 2024.

- **Criterion A - Historic Significance**

(An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area))

GML has advised in relation to Criterion A:

"The property is associated with the early 20th century subdivision and settlement of Randwick from grants owned by the Pearce brothers and Samuel Thomas Whidden. The property is also associated with the horse racing industry through its early tenants and adjacent stables and training/exercise yard.

The property was once part of the land owned by brothers James and Simeon Henry Pearce, who were granted large portions of land in Randwick in 1851, who then subdivided and sold off holdings to Samuel Thomas Whidden in 1875. The property was built over three allotments and does not well demonstrate the historical subdivision pattern.

The property was once linked to the horse racing industry, as much of the immediate area between Royal Randwick Racecourse and the Struggletown stables was. This has been lost, with the sale and development of the adjacent former stables/garages (to the north of the subject site) and training/exercise yard (to the south of the subject site). The property can no longer demonstrate this historical link.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion."

- **Criterion B - Historical Association**

(An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area))

GML has advised in relation to Criterion B:

"The property has minor historical associations with the Pearce brothers, architect AA Lewis and horse trainer, Charlie Cullen.

The Pearce brothers were significant figures in the settlement and early governance of Randwick. However, they owned large parcels of land in the Randwick area from the mid-19th century, decades before the property was built. Their association with the property is tenuous and not significant.

AA Lewis was a prolific local architect in the Randwick area from the 1890s until the 1920s. His association is better demonstrated in the various existing heritage items of buildings he designed and/or resided in (87 Coogee Bay Road). The property at 1 Maud Street is not considered a good or representative example of the work of AA Lewis.

Charlie Cullen was a figure in the Randwick horse training industry and resided at the property from the 1920s when the area was firmly a part of the horse racing industry. The property has lost its historical connection to this period and cannot demonstrate it in its current (locational) context. The link to Cullen is tenuous and inconsequential.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion."

- **Criterion C - Aesthetic/Creative/Technical Achievement**

(An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (or the local area))

GML has advised in relation to Criterion C:

"The subject building is a typical example of an altered late-Federation cottage/bungalow which is not considered to demonstrate creative innovation or technical excellence, is not awarded or recognised, and is not a highly original and influential example of its type.

Notwithstanding its current moderate level of intactness, the subject building has unsympathetic alterations and additions, and an obstructive boundary fencing, and though these could be reversed or reinstated, would still only be a typical example of the typology.

It does not have innovation in design, fabrication or construction technique, is not a local landmark (tucked away in a side street and behind a high solid brick fence) and does not demonstrate any particular artistic or design excellence.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion."

- **Criterion D - Social, cultural and spiritual significance**

An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW (or the local area) for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.

GML has advised in relation to Criterion D:

"A social study was outside the scope of this heritage assessment.

Based on current evidence and that the subject site has not been identified in any previous heritage study by Randwick Council or nominated for investigation by any community member, the subject site does not hold any strong or significant association with any identified local or cultural groups.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion."

- **Criterion E - Research potential**

An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area).

GML has advised in relation to Criterion E:

"There has been plenty of research, analysis, critique and physical investigations in the area which have contributed to the understanding of the settlement, development and continued evolution of the Randwick locale.

It is unlikely that the subject site would provide any substantial new information or have the potential to improve knowledge of the area, that is not already known, or could be obtained via alternative means.

The archaeological significance of this site has not been assessed in this report.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion."

- **Criterion F - Rarity**

An item possesses uncommon, rare, or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local area).

GML has advised in relation to Criterion F:

"The 1916 late-Federation era property is identified in the comparative analysis as sharing qualities with numerous examples of properties of this style in the period, which are identified as heritage items, and is not considered rare in the Randwick area.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion.”

• **Criterion G - Representativeness**

An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW’s cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments (or a class of the local area’s cultural or natural places; or cultural or natural environments).

GML has advised in relation to Criterion G:

“Given the boom in suburban development throughout the Randwick area during the Federation period and the numerous extant examples of various expressions of late-Federation domestic architecture styles, the subject site does not possess or demonstrate any particular characteristics that make it an outstanding representation of its type in the area.

The comparative analysis has determined that the select examples of heritage items, of which there are numerous others, reflect better representative examples of the late-Federation single-storey cottage/bungalow typology in the Arts and Craft style in the Randwick Area. These other properties are also more intact examples of the typology, have maintained their garden setting (which is a key attribute) and retained streetscape presence and prominence better than the subject property.

The subject site does not have cultural significance at a local or state level under this criterion.”

The assessment concludes that **1 Maud Street Randwick does not meet the threshold for heritage listing** under the NSW heritage assessment criteria as a local heritage item under Schedule 5 of the Randwick LEP 2012.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Housing
Outcome	A city with excellent built form that recognises local character
Objective	100% of development applications approved from 2025 onwards are consistent with the desired future character of the local area and consider design excellence
Delivery program commitment	Undertake a heritage review of Randwick City to identify additional heritage items and HCAs including boundary adjustments where necessary, by 2023.

Risks

To assist in considering the endorsement of the report’s recommendation to not proceed with the preparation of a planning proposal to list 1 Maud Street, Randwick, as a heritage item, the following potential risks have been identified:

Historical Considerations: While the building has been assessed by GML as not meeting the threshold for heritage significance, its demolition will result in loss of a moderately intact, altered late-Federation cottage.

Community Considerations: There may be opposition from the community or heritage groups who value the preservation of buildings regardless of their ability to meet heritage listing thresholds.

To address and manage the above potential risks, the following considerations should be noted:

- The GML report is comprehensive and detailed in its approach and findings and has been undertaken in accordance with the Burra Charter and the Heritage NSW Guideline for

'Assessing Heritage Significance', having been prepared by a highly qualified and experienced heritage consultancy.

- Heritage listing of the property with weak justifications may not be sustainable in the Land Environment Court in the impending Court action against the IHO, in light of the more recent findings of the GML report.
- Pursuance of heritage listing under doubtful circumstances will have the effect of restricting development within a Housing Investigation Area that has already been planned by Council for increase housing capacity to address housing diversity needs in the Randwick LGA over the next decade.

Implications of not proceeding with heritage listing

In relation to the two pending Land and Environment Court cases, if Council resolves not to proceed with the preparation of a planning proposal to list the site as a local heritage item in the RLEP, the implications are:

1. the IHO will lapse after 6 months as specified in the NSW Gazettal Notice dated 1 October 2024
2. the heritage significance of 1 Maud St will not be a matter of contention in the development application Class 1 Court appeal.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The Phillips Marler report cost \$7,450, and the GML Heritage review report cost a further \$14,900. These costs are within the existing Strategic Planning Budget allocation for 2024-25.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Heritage Act 1977 (as amended)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended).
- Randwick Local Environment Plan 2012 *section 5.10 – Heritage Conservation*.

Conclusion

The purpose of the IHO is to allow for sufficient time in which to conduct further detailed and in-depth investigations to determine whether to proceed with a heritage listing under the RLEP 2012. Accordingly, at the Council meeting of 22 October 2024, Council considered the findings of the Phillips Marler report and resolved that further in-depth investigation be undertaken into the heritage significance of the site by engaging another heritage assessment and conducting a site inspection.

In accordance with Council's resolution, GML Heritage consultants were engaged to undertake a further investigation into the history and heritage significance of 1 Maud Street. GML's assessment included a site inspection of the property and an in-depth analysis that concluded that 1 Maud Street does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under any of the NSW heritage assessment criteria as a local heritage item/s under the Randwick LEP 2012. As detailed in its report, GML's conclusions were formed based on the following key reasons:

- While the subject site developed historically as part of an early 20th century subdivision and the dwelling reflects the late-Federation development of that time, it does not make a defining contribution to the understanding of the historical subdivision which had originated from the Randwick land grants to brothers, Simeon and James Pearce. There are other examples in the vicinity better expressing this historical phase.
- No historical association of significance was established. The links to the Pearce brothers and Charlie Cullen (the leading Sydney horse trainer) are tenuous, and to AA Lewis (the prolific local architect who designed the house) is inconsequential.
- The dwelling is an undistinguished, modified example of late-Federation Arts and Crafts architecture. Aesthetically, it is not considered to be a fine example or outstanding representation of the style that evidences a high degree of creative or technical

achievement. Comparatively, at the time of construction, in terms of aesthetic characteristics and design quality, the property lacks both innovation in design and finesse in detailing.

- The site inspection confirmed that the dwelling has been modified resulting in changes to the original fabric, layout and visual setting which has further diminished the integrity of the property and degraded its historic character and aesthetic values. The dwelling has some recognisable late-Federation characteristics. However, given the numerous extant examples from the late-Federation period and the diversity of aesthetically distinctive domestic late-Federation period architecture, the subject dwelling does not possess, or demonstrate rare or representative qualities that are exceptional when considered comparatively in the local area.

In view of GML's in-depth and detailed heritage assessment of 1 Maud Street, Randwick this report recommends that Council does not proceed with the preparation of a planning proposal to list the property as a heritage item in the Randwick LEP 2012.

Responsible officer: David Ongkili, Coordinator Strategic Planning

File Reference: F2016/00475

Director City Services Report No. CS50/24

Subject: Investigation - Uncontrolled parking of various types of RVs, trailers, vehicles and boats on Anzac Parade

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a Notice of Motion from Councillor Said (May 2024), that Council Officers investigate and provide a report on the parking issues occurring along Anzac Parade median strip in various locations.
- The parking of vehicles including boats, trailers, caravans, and trucks along the Anzac Parade median strip is a common occurrence, but it can create several concerns for community members who live and reside within these areas and poses several risks to motorists, residents, and pedestrians.
- The resolution of Council seeks a return report investigating an actionable solution that includes garden beds, open spaces, and the installation of copper log barriers and/or suitable traffic signage to prevent illegal parking on the grassed central median strip.
- A review was conducted along this section of Anzac Parade with several key locations identified that are of concern and may warrant intervention. A proposal has been created with options to erect barrier fencing at several of the key locations along Anzac Parade to mitigate any potential incidents. The intention of the fence is to mitigate the community safety risks and restrict the access of vehicles to the Road Reserve.
- Council Officers will report through the traffic committee process, the urgent installation of regulatory parking control signage where applicable. This will allow Council's Rangers teams to commence education and enforcement in the aim of changing behavior of parking in the central median islands prior to the installation of the barrier fence.
- All areas inside the proposed arris rail fence locations on the median will remain in their function as open space for the community.
- Subject to Council approval, the proposal will be sent to Transport for NSW for final approval.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the proposal to install an arris rail fence along Anzac Parade median strip in the various locations identified in the report between Beauchamp Road, Matraville and Bunnerong Road, Phillip Bay;
- b) approves both the parallel and angled parking options to be presented to Transport for NSW;
- c) conducts community consultation on the proposal, subject to Transport for NSW technical approval; and
- d) consider an allocation of funding within the 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works program of \$550,000 ex. GST for the completion of the project.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CS50/24

Purpose

At the ordinary meeting on the 28 May 2024, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Said/Chapple) that Council Officers investigate and bring a report to Council on:

- a) designated areas and/or permit controlled parking along the Anzac Parade median strip in various locations between Beauchamp Road, Matraville and Bunnerong Road, Phillip Bay;
- b) designated areas for native and indigenous plants;
- c) designated areas for open space;
- d) installing copper log and/or suitable traffic signage to prevent illegal parking on the grassed central median; and
- e) indicative costs.

This report provides the background information in response to the Notice of Motion to enable Council to make an informed decision.

Discussion

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the necessary information to make an informed decision related to the resolution to provide a feasible solution to mitigate and deter the risk posed by the parking of cars, boats, caravans, and trailers within the Anzac Parade median strip. To allow Council to understand the proposal this report aims to provide the following necessary information:

- Background and analysis of the current situation
- Identification of key areas
- Land Ownership
- Proposal related to the installation of a physical barrier
- Analysis of potential areas for native, indigenous plants and open space
- Indicative costings
- Regulatory Signage

Background and analysis of the current situation

The Notice of Motion (NoM) has been resolved in response to several identified risks that can potentially arise when vehicles park in certain locations obstruct traffic, obscure views, impact pedestrian movement and safety, and damage infrastructure.

Council Officers conducted a review to determine the current situation in the locations identified by Council. From this review it is apparent the use of the grassed median strips within the road reserve as a parking area for cars, boats, caravans, and trailers by community members has been an ongoing practice for many years.

Figure 1 below, demonstrates an example of the current situation, with several vehicles, trailers, boats, caravans etc., being parked for extended periods of time along this section of median strip on Anzac Pde.



Figure 1- Photographic example of a car, trailers, and boat parked on median verge.

Identification of key areas

From the review, the road segment in question is approximately 4.5km in length. The review identified several locations with existing arris rail or treated pine Koppers log fencing installed but also locations that did not have the necessary barriers to reduce or restrict the type of parking identified in the resolution.

The review identified four locations that could benefit from the installation of a physical barrier to restrict the parking activities identified in the road reserve as shown in figure 3 to figure 6.

1. Anzac Pde, near Kain Ave. (Figure 3)
2. Anzac Pde, near Bilga Crescent. (Figure 4)
3. Anzac Pde, near Jennifer Street. (Figure 5)
4. Anzac Pde, near Budd Ave. (Figure 6)



Figure 2 - Anzac Pde, near Kain Ave.



Figure 3 - Anzac Pde, near Bilga Crescent.



Figure 4 - Anzac Pde, near Jennifer Street.



Figure 5 - Anzac Pde, near Budd Ave.

Land Ownership

Council's Planning records show the areas identified above are owned by "Roads and Maritime Services" now Transport for NSW, and zoned SP2 Infrastructure (*future infrastructure corridor*).

The State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) – 2020 Major Corridors under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 outlines the objectives of this zoning:

The objectives of Zone SP2 Infrastructure are as follows—

- (a) to provide for infrastructure and related uses,
- (b) to prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.

It is suggested that the recommendation made in this report to Council which is further outlined below are not inconsistent with the objectives of the SEPP and EP&A Act 1979 given the precedence in other areas along the Anzac Parade corridor.

Subject to Council approval, the proposal will be sent to Transport for NSW for final approval.

Proposal related to the installation of a physical barrier

Council has installed arris rail and treated pine log barriers to limit the parking of vehicles upon the other grassed sections of Anzac Pde in the past to mitigate this type of issue. This is a tested method of reducing access to the area, that once installed is minimal maintenance and does not require monitoring to be an effective solution.

Based upon the review conducted, the following amounts of fencing would be required at the identified locations.

#	Address	Total
1	Anzac Pde, near Kain Ave. (Figure 2)	680m
2	Anzac Pde, near Bilga Crescent. (Figure 3)	674m
3	Anzac Pde, near Jennifer Street. (Figure 4)	516m
4	Anzac Pde, near Budd Ave. (Figure 5)	830m

Based upon Council Officer’s investigation the total length of barrier required is estimated to be 2700 lineal meters. There are some specific site constraints involved; sandstone underneath turf, overland water flow issues, reputational impacts from community, which need to be considered.

It is important to note a parking allowance will be included, that will accommodate the parking of vehicles. An appropriate distance between the rail and roadway will be provided to accommodate the parking of cars, not boats or caravans.

Parking Options

The review considered two types of parking options:

- 1. Parallel Parking: parking of cars along Anzac Parade parallel to the carriage way, as per example provided below.



Figure 6 - Proposed parallel parking configuration.

2. Angled Parking: parking of cars along Anzac Parade parallel to the carriage way, as per example provided below.



Figure 7 - Proposed angled parking configuration.

These options will be presented to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for their feedback and / or endorsement.

Analysis of potential areas for native, indigenous plants and open space

Within the identified locations, figures 2,3,4, and 5, there are several potential locations for the inclusion of garden beds for native and indigenous plants. When considering the installation of parking areas, the inclusion of garden beds for screening and shade, noise reduction, overland water flow and aesthetic improvement.

Council should be aware that all areas inside the proposed aris rail fence locations will remain functioning open space for the community.

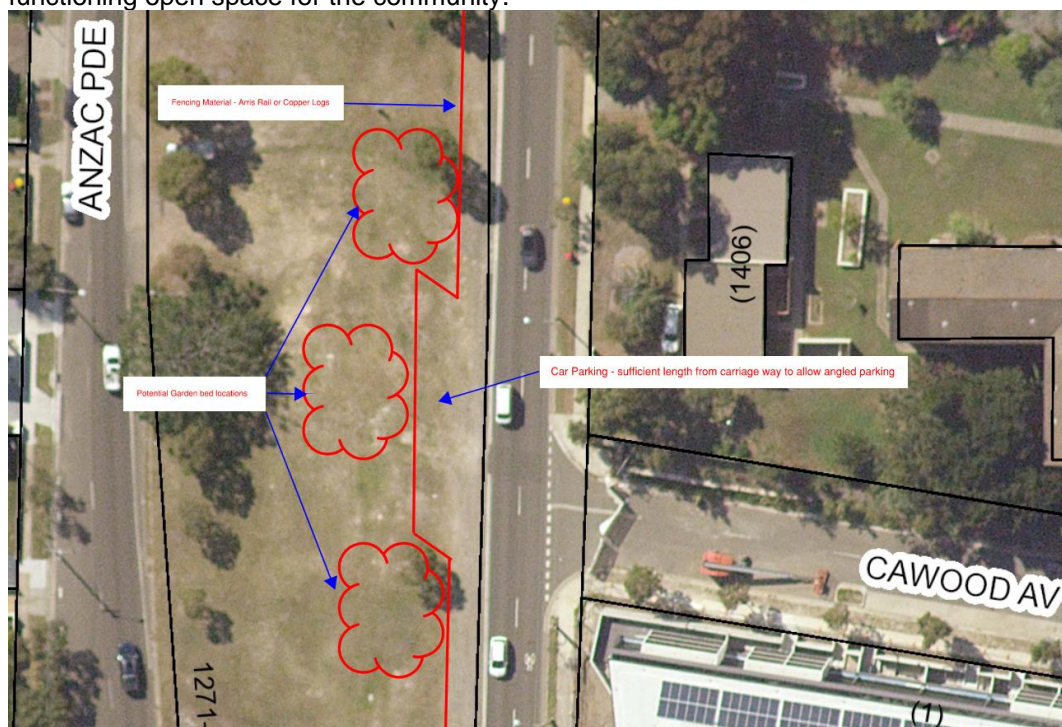


Figure 8 -Proposed angled parking configuration with potential garden bed locations.

Indicative costings

Financial costs were sought from approved Council contractors for the two material options being timber vs copper log as noted in the report that are already utilised along Anzac Parade:

- **Option 1:** Arris's rail fencing at \$134.5/m. (see photo below)



- **Option 2:** Treated pine logs at \$119/m. (see photo below)



#	Address	Lineal M	Rate	Sub - Total
1	Anzac Pde, near Kain Ave.	680	\$134.50	\$91,460.00
2	Anzac Pde, near Bilga Crescent.	674	\$134.50	\$90,653.00
3	Anzac Pde, near Jennifer Street.	516	\$134.50	\$69,402.00
4	Anzac Pde, near Budd Ave.	830	\$134.50	\$111,635.00
	Contingency 15%			\$54,472.50
	Total (exe. GST)			\$418,107.50

Based on estimated quantities an indicative cost for the installation of the rail would be \$418,107.50 plus GST (pending specific site conditions).

It is recommended that an allowance for the garden beds be made at \$15,000 per garden bed, based upon the four identified locations, (figures 2,3,4, and 5) installing eight gardens bed between them. An allowance of \$120,000 be included in costings.

Based upon the indicative costs an allocation of \$550,000 ex. GST (including contingency) for the completion of the project is required.

Regulatory Signage

Given the recommendation of this report seeks a funding allocation for the installation of the above barrier fencing in the next (25/26) financial year, Council Officers will report through the traffic committee process, the urgent installation of regulatory parking control signage where applicable.

This will allow Council's Rangers teams to commence education and enforcement in the aim of changing behavior of parking in the central median islands prior to the installation of the barrier fence.

Risk

There are several risks posed by the current situation and the proposal.

- The current site situation presents a safety hazard related to traffic obstruction: the vehicles parked on median strips can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic, increasing the risk of accidents. This can also lead to pedestrian safety hazards, as pedestrians who use these spaces are crossing through vehicles parked.
- Currently impacts and damages to Council assets and infrastructure including the reduced ability to maintain the assets.
- Reduction in service levels for horticultural maintenance from repeated parking on the grass leading to wear and tear on the median's surface, leading to extensive repairs.
- The proposal does present a reputational risk to Council, as it will impact the residents who currently utilise this space and reduce their ability to park their vehicles within this area. Consulting with the community prior to conducting the works would mitigate and address this risk.
- There is a high risk that the current vehicles, boats and trailers that are currently parked in the median reserve may be relocated into other areas of the LGA, potentially local streets.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Infrastructure Services
Function	Asset Maintenance
Delivery program commitment	Maintain public assets and infrastructure to meet operational requirements and agreed service levels.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no allocated funding for this proposal in the current 2024-25 Operational Plan and Budget.

Funding would be required to enable the proposal; this could be allocated within 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works Program.

Based upon the estimated quantities including the installation of the nominated garden beds, a project budget of \$550,000 ex. GST (this includes a contingency for unknown site conditions) would be required.

Conclusion

The proposal for the installation of new barriers along various sections of Anzac Parade, between Beauchamp Road, Matraville and Bunnerong Road, Phillip Bay has identified several key locations.

The installation of fencing is a tested method of a physical barrier restricting access to grassed areas, that once installed is fairly minimal maintenance and does not require monitoring to be effective. 2 Parking arrangement options have been identified and will be presented to TfNSW.

The inclusion of the nominated garden beds be included in this proposal to coincide with the parking arrangements.

This barrier provides protection and addresses several of the issues/concerns raised, facilitating a safer path of travel for pedestrians and vehicles and increase Council's ability to service the area.

Responsible officer: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

File Reference: F2019/00686

Director City Services Report No. CS51/24

Subject: Maroubra Road - Traffic Corridor Study Consultation

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a resolution of Council (Rosenfeld/Said) at the August 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, regarding the Maroubra Road traffic corridor study.
- Community consultation regarding the Maroubra Road traffic corridor study was undertaken between 13 December 2023 and 14 February 2024.
- This report informs the Council of the outcomes of the community consultation process and recommends future actions.
- Apart from the original recommendation for the Maroubra Road, Cooper Street and Mons Avenue intersection, the recommendations for the other eight (8) intersection treatments have been generally supported by the community.
- Given the submitted views of community members, the proposed traffic signal treatment at the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection was reviewed. This review, including a Safe System Assessment Framework process, has resulted in a revised recommendation for a single lane roundabout, with raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection (if design permits), in lieu of the originally recommended traffic signals.
- This report discusses the pros and cons of this intersection intervention.
- A process is proposed in this report to Council in order to retain focus on the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection, whilst also allowing concurrent progress on the other eight (8) intersections along the Maroubra corridor.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the outcomes from the community consultation processes for the Maroubra Road traffic corridor study;
- b) endorse the commencement of the design and implementation of a single lane roundabout, with raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection (if design permits), at the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection, in Maroubra, within the current 2024-25 works program; and
- c) note the design / implementation of the recommended treatments, at the eight other sites will be progressively undertaken, only once substantial development of the design at the priority intersection, being the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection, is achieved.

Attachment/s:

1.  Community Consultation Summary Report - Maroubra Road Intersection Upgrades

Purpose

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 August 2023, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Said) that:

- a) *the proposed treatments at nine key Maroubra Road intersections are noted and endorsed for release for community consultation;*
- b) *priority is to be given to the proposed treatment at Cooper Street / Mons Avenue before the proposed treatments at the other eight intersections are acted upon;*
- c) *a report be brought back to the Council detailing the outcomes of the consultation with recommendations on the proposed next steps along this Maroubra Road corridor;*
- d) *an additional resourcing strategy is developed to progress the short term actions identified in the Bitzios report; and*
- e) *the Maroubra Road Cycleway be deleted.*

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the outcomes of community consultation regarding the Maroubra Road Traffic Corridor and to recommend future actions.

Discussion

A comprehensive traffic study of Maroubra Road, from Bunnerong Road to Malabar Road, has been undertaken. As a result, a series of intersection upgrades are proposed, with the aim of improving safety for people moving along or across Maroubra Road.

This report relates to the second stage of consultation regarding the Maroubra Road corridor project. The proposed intersection upgrades have been developed, in great part, with respect to the feedback gathered from the earlier consultation, whilst also considering data collected through traffic counts, intersection surveys, traffic modelling, crash data analysis and safety reviews.

Community Consultation Summary

Activities

Community consultation was undertaken between 13 December 2023 and 14 February 2024 to gather resident feedback on the nine (9) proposed intersection upgrade plans. During this period the following activities were undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to view the intersection upgrade concept plans, take a survey and/or make a submission.
- A4 information brochure sent to households close to and along Maroubra Road.
- Posters at all proposed intersection upgrade locations.
- Drop-in session: 6 February 2024, 4-6pm at Bowen Library, Maroubra Junction.
- Digital display screens at Randwick City libraries, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and Customer Service Centre.
- Email to Your Say subscribers: 13 December 2023.
- Email to key stakeholders.
- Randwick News (weekly email): Listed every week during consultation period.
- Social media: Facebook post on 30 January 2024.
- Email to all Randwick City Precincts.
- Listing on Randwick City Council's Current Consultations webpage.
- Councillor notification.

The following table indicates community participation according to each aspect of the consultation process:

Participation	Number
Visits to the unique Your Say Randwick website	4663
Survey submissions (via Your Say)	187
Direct submissions (via email to Council)	51
Downloads of proposed intersection upgrade plans (<i>listed in quantity order</i>):	
• Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road	963
• Anzac Parade	720
• Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	636
• Royal Street / Hinkler Street	650
• Malabar Road	495
• Hannan Street	491
• Flower Street	483
• Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	407
• Garden Street	411
• Information brochure	105
Drop in sessions attendance (6 Feb 2024)	Approx. 30

Analysis of the second round of consultation

- Community members were asked to indicate priority rankings for the treatment of each of the Maroubra Road intersections:

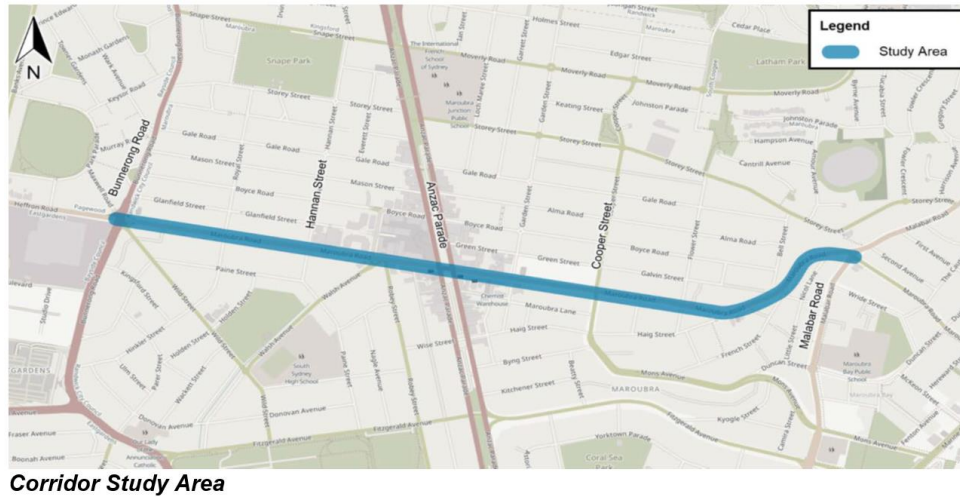
Rank	Intersection	Residents' priority ranking
1	Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	79
2	Anzac Parade	52
3	Hannan Street	40
4	Bunnerong Road	39
5	Flower Street	38
6	Malabar Road	37
7	Royal Street/Hinkler Street	32
8	Garden Street	26
9	Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	16

This feedback indicated a high level of support for prioritising the intersection of Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street. This also aligns with the Council resolution from 22 August 2023.

- Tally of resident feedback submitted per intersection:

Maroubra Road Intersection with:	No. of items of feedback
Anzac Parade	70
Royal Street / Hinkler Street	58
Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	54
Hannan Street	49
Flower Street	49
Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road	45
Garden Street	31
Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	27
Malabar Road	27

NB: Residents were able to provide feedback on more than one intersection.



Transport Mode Hierarchy

At its Ordinary Meeting, held on 27 February 2024 Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Parker/Neilson) that Council:

- a) amend the proposed Transport Mode Hierarchy, such that Public Transport be number two, and People Riding be number three when considering priorities in managing traffic, transport and parking issues; and
- b) approve the draft Active Transport Strategy for community consultation

This resolution has resulted in the following Transport Mode Hierarchy to be used when considering priorities in managing traffic, transport and parking issues, such as the Maroubra Road Traffic Corridor Study:



The following section identifies the proposed treatment(s) at each location, indicates an indicative (high level) cost, provides a summary of the community feedback, comments on the feedback received and provides a recommendation for each of the nine (9) intersections.

Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue:

Indicative cost: \$1M

Location	Proposed Treatment (s)	Rationale
Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	Implement a single lane roundabout, with raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection (if design permits),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersection upgrade will address crash rate Roundabout design will accommodate proposed pedestrian crossings Pedestrian and bicycle movements can be catered for with 'bent-out' treatments as appropriate Roundabout will have a traffic calming effect on traffic near to the pedestrian crossings Roundabout design and central median enhances sense of place and improves streetscape

Community Feedback:

- Concerns about proposed in-lane bus stops causing traffic significant congestion.
- Some support for the proposed traffic signals
- Significant support to replace proposed traffic signals with a roundabout and pedestrian crossing/s for improved safety, as well as better traffic and pedestrian flow.
- Concerns about rat run through Haig Street to avoid Anzac Parade traffic signals.

Comments on feedback:

Contrary to the originally recommended installation of traffic signals at this location, significant support was given to the installation of a roundabout, instead of the proposed traffic signals. Some 46% of respondents to this question specified that they did not support traffic signal installation. Only 23% of the respondents supported traffic signal installation. 23% suggested a roundabout as an alternative option to traffic signals. This resident opinion regarding a preference for a roundabout was given without prompting – in other words, a roundabout was not suggested as an option.

From a traffic engineering perspective either treatment could be accommodated within this intersection and there are pros and cons with each option.

Traffic signals separate all traffic flows in time and space. The different traffic movements are each allocated a time period to negotiate their way through the intersection. Signalised pedestrian movements may seem safer - because all traffic would be stopped at the commencement of the 'Walk' phase. However, over the years, many elderly residents have raised strong concerns about their perception of safety as the green 'Walk' signal changes to a flashing red 'Don't Walk' signal. They have advised Council officers that they don't feel safe once the 'Don't Walk' starts flashing. Traffic signals generally reduce most crash types (except for 'rear-end' crashes). However, they can introduce significant (possibly unacceptable) traffic delays.

If a single lane roundabout was to be introduced, instead of traffic signals, one clear objective would be to provide pedestrians with safe priority when negotiating the intersection. This would likely be achieved by way of installation of raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection (if design permits). It should be noted that the inherent pedestrian dangers associated with multi-lane pedestrian crossings would obviate the possibility of a multi-lane roundabout at this intersection.

The Council should be aware of a possible unintended consequence(s), with regards to the installation of a roundabout at this location:

- The introduction of a roundabout may, to a great extent, ease the current traffic constraint at the intersection. If a roundabout was to be installed, the northbound or southbound Mons Avenue / Cooper Street motorists would only have to await a gap in traffic already in the roundabout – then they could proceed through the intersection. This may result in a greater number of north / south movements along Mons Avenue and / or Cooper Street.

Note, however, that a similar effect may also arise if traffic signals are installed, making it easier to traverse the intersection.

- The introduction of a roundabout will further configure the carriage way as 1 lane. Currently from Flower Street eastbound traffic already merges into 1 lane. The new roundabout device will extend this 1 lane configuration west of Flower towards Maroubra Junction.

A further matter for consideration is timing and cost. Although comprehensive costings are not available (as detailed designs have not yet been undertaken) Council officers do have a sense of the likely costs. Additionally, given recent experiences with the implementation of roundabouts and the attempted implementation of traffic signals, Council officers also have some understandings as to likely timelines. It should be noted that, with regard to traffic signals, TfNSW has various approval gateways required through the planning and design phases and also regarding detailed design and implementation.

Costings:

1. Roundabout

A high-level costing has been undertaken of the nearby Maroubra Road / Flower Street roundabout. The Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection is of very similar dimensions to the Maroubra Road / Flower Street intersection. Given the large dimensions of these intersections the costs to install appropriately sized traffic facilities are significant. A high-level estimate of the costs for introduction of a large roundabout, and associated pedestrian facilities, at the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection, indicates an approximate estimated cost of some **\$850,000** (Detailed costings will be provided to the Council following completion of the design process).

2. Traffic Signals

With regards to the introduction of Traffic Signals, Transport for NSW has some well-developed cost estimating tools. Application of these tools to the possible introduction of traffic signals at the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection indicates that a cost of some **\$3,039,000** may be likely. However, more precise costings would only be available following the preparation of detailed traffic signal and civil design and production of operation plans.

Timings:

1. Roundabout

The design process for a Maroubra Road roundabout would be quite complex and may take 3 to 6 months to complete. From a construction perspective it must be acknowledged that, given the width of Maroubra Road, a single lane roundabout would be of significant proportions. Given the public transport function and the high traffic function of Maroubra Road, construction of a roundabout would have to be carefully staged (in order to not impact upon the public transport functions or the traffic functions of the road). Accordingly, a staged construction process would be complex and may take some 8-10 weeks to complete.

2. Traffic Signals

The two most recent examples of the design of traffic signals within the Randwick LGA are for the Anzac Parade / Franklin Street (south) intersection in Malabar, and for the Avoca Street / Bundock Street / Sturt Street intersection in Randwick. Given the requirement to engage specialist consultants and sub-consultants and (in particular) given the requirement to regularly refer design matters back to various TfNSW teams, the Anzac / Franklin traffic signal design process took some 18 months to complete. Design of the traffic signals at the Avoca / Bundock / Sturt intersection has thus far taken 17 months and is still continuing. Again, this design has required specialist consultants and lengthy communications with relevant TfNSW teams. Whilst not having recent 'construction / implementation' experience within the Randwick LGA, it is understood that traffic signal installations of this size are typically taking 4 – 6 months.

Given the community views regarding the originally proposed traffic signals a further road safety analysis was undertaken. This was in the form of a Safe System Assessment Framework process, as recommended by Austroads (Austroads is the peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies). This process considers key crash types that lead to serious crash outcomes, as well as the risks associated with these crashes (exposure, likelihood and severity).

Applying this process to both proposals highlighted that the roundabout option produced a safer outcome.

Ultimately, given the community members' views received in favour of a roundabout, the reduced implementation costs of a roundabout, the shorter timelines required to design and implement a roundabout, and given the outcomes from the Safe System Assessment Framework process, it is recommended that the installation of a single lane roundabout, with appropriate pedestrian facilities, be supported for introduction at the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection.

Regarding concerns raised about the positioning of the local bus stops, Council officers will work closely with the local bus operator for satisfactory and acceptable outcomes.

Recommendation:

That progress commences as soon as possible regarding the design and implementation of a single lane roundabout, with raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection (if design permits), at the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection in Maroubra.

Maroubra Road / Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road: Indicative cost: \$300,000

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Bunnerong Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust intersection by removing southbound left turn slip lane from Bunnerong Road to Maroubra Road Align traffic lanes with Bayside Council's proposals for Heffron Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve pedestrian safety when crossing Bunnerong Road

Community Feedback:

- Concerns about the new bus stop configuration affecting traffic flow.
- Fears of increased congestion due to the proposed removal of the southbound Bunnerong Road slip lane, for movements left into Maroubra Road (eastbound).
- Support for median strip and tree planting as a green initiative.
- Issues with on street parking and the impact of the queues of the nearby fast food outlet's drive-through service.

Comments on feedback:

Given the level of concern regarding the proposed removal of the slip lane, it is considered that it remains, but that it be controlled by a left turn traffic signal activated by pedestrians crossing the slip lane.

Recommendation:

That the proposed removal of the southbound Bunnerong Road slip lane, for movements left into Maroubra Road (eastbound), be not supported.

That TfNSW be approached with a request for the signalisation of the southbound Bunnerong Road slip lane, for movements left into Maroubra Road (eastbound).

Maroubra Road / Royal Street / Hinkler Street: Indicative cost: \$3.5M

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Royal Street / Hinkler Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install new traffic signals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intersection upgrade is necessary to cater for existing and projected traffic demands This includes redirected traffic as a result of the Hannan Street treatment Provides a safer and protected pedestrian crossing facility at this location. Compared to Hannan Street, traffic signals at this location are better aligned with the road geometry.

Community Feedback:

- Concerns about the impact of the proposed traffic signal installation.

- Requests for more details on the western side arrangements, especially parking impacts.
- Some residents are worried about the addition of turning lanes.
- Suggestions to reduce traffic lanes on Maroubra Road for a bike lane, shared path, and cyclist crossing lights.
- Varied preferences for roundabouts instead of traffic signals.
- Support for extending the right turn lane eastbound to access businesses safely.
- requests for bike lanes to be included in all intersection upgrades.

Comments on feedback:

The lack of any Maroubra Road pedestrian facility for the 850 metres from Walsh Avenue to Bunnerong Road needs to be addressed.

The significant volume of traffic along the western part of Maroubra Road necessitates that there be two lanes in each direction. As a result, a roundabout with zebra crossings cannot be introduced (TfNSW does not support multi-lane zebra crossings on pedestrian safety grounds). Traffic signals best meet the road safety needs of pedestrians. An objective of the traffic signal design will be to retain as much parking as possible.

Recommendation:

That the proposal for traffic signals at the Maroubra Road / Royal Street / Hinkler Street intersection is endorsed.

Maroubra Road / Hannan Street:

Indicative cost: \$400,000

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Hannan Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert side streets to left out only• Install new pedestrian refuge islands across Maroubra Road.• Install new pedestrian crossing across Hannan Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrict hazardous uncontrolled turning movements from the intersection• Allows use of road space for improved pedestrian facilities in this location• Road constraints on side streets complicate the installation of traffic signals.

Community Feedback:

- Concerns regarding the Relocation of the existing bus stops near Hannan Street
- Request for a traffic signal with pedestrian crossings would improve commuter access to bus stops.
- In-lane bus stops may obstruct traffic flow during peak hours.
- Concerns about rat run through Paine and Hinkler Streets
- Importance of design considerations that promote walking, cycling, and public transport use.

Comments on feedback:

Council will undertake further investigation regarding the relocation of existing bus stops in conjunction with the bus operator.

Recommendation:

That the original proposal to limit Hannan Street motorists to left turns only, at the intersection with Maroubra Road, be endorsed.

Maroubra Road / Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place:

Indicative cost: \$300,000

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Bruce Bennetts Place / Walsh Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade signals with pedestrian protection• Upgrade existing kerbside footpath to shared paths and crossings• Remove slip lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improves pedestrian safety at the intersection• Provides expanded kerbside / streetscape area

Community Feedback:

- Concerns about in-lane bus stops obstructing traffic during peak hours.
- Concerns about the impact of redirecting vehicles to the new intersection.
- Request to retain foxtail palm trees and are concerned about pedestrian safety without the median.
- Support for the shared zone concept and removal of the slip lane.

Comments on feedback:

Council officers will undertake further investigation regarding the relocation of exiting bus stops in conjunction with TfNSW and the bus operator. Existing pedestrian facilities are located within 100m at this location.

Recommendation:

That the proposed modifications to the Maroubra Road / Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place intersection be endorsed.

Maroubra Road / Anzac Parade:*Indicative cost: \$1M*

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Anzac Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing kerbside footpath to shared paths and crossings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be treated as an interim solution before the Maroubra Junction masterplan is developed and realised

Community Feedback:

- Requests to dedicate bike lanes for cyclist safety,
- Requests to preserve the median island for pedestrians.
- Concerns that buses near the intersection disrupt traffic flow.
- Concerns about reducing travel lanes to 2 lanes.

Comments on feedback:

Council officers will explore further options to address concerns raised regarding the proposed lane reduction - in conjunction with TfNSW. We will also undertake further investigation regarding the relocation of existing bus stops in conjunction with TfNSW and the bus operators.

Recommendation:

That, as the Maroubra Road / Anzac Parade signalised intersection is managed by TfNSW (Anzac Parade being a State Road), the proposed modifications be negotiated with TfNSW and the local bus operators to explore the best outcome for the community.

Maroubra Road / Garden Street:*Indicative cost: \$150,000*

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Garden Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade existing kerbside footpath to shared paths and crossings • Upgrade signals with pedestrian protection • Additional approach lanes on Garden Street • Minor changes to intersection signal sequence (split phasing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves pedestrian safety at the intersection • Removes reliance on filtered movements at the intersection, which was resulting in poor traffic performance and hazardous conditions • Provides greater capacity on side streets on approach to intersection

Community Feedback:

- Propose widening Garden Street on both sides.
- Requests to preserve the median strip along Maroubra Road.
- Concerns about in-lane bus stops.

- Requesting an additional right-turn lanes on Garden Street will improve traffic flow.

Comments on feedback:

Council will undertake further investigation regarding the relocation of existing bus stops in conjunction with local bus operator. We will also examine opportunities to introduce additional parking opportunities for the community.

Recommendation:

That the proposed modifications to the Maroubra Road / Garden Street intersection be endorsed.

Maroubra Road / Flower Street:

Indicative cost: \$1M

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Flower Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install new roundabout• Upgrade painted median to physical median island with landscaping and tree planting• Raised shared crossings on side roads• Relocation and raising of existing pedestrian crossing over Maroubra Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intersection upgrade is necessary to cater for traffic, pedestrian and bike rider movements through the intersection• Pedestrian and bicycle rider movements can be catered for with a series of 'bent-out' treatments across Flower Street• Roundabout design will accommodate the existing pedestrian crossing• Roundabout will have a calming effect on traffic near the pedestrian crossings• Median enhances sense of place and improves streetscape

Community Feedback:

- Support the importance of upgrading cycling paths for bikes, scooters, and pedestrians.
- Request to maintain the current bus stop location.
- Support the proposed roundabout and raised crossing to improve safety.
- Support the retention of the median strip and addition of trees.

Comments on feedback:

Council officers will undertake further investigation regarding the relocation of exiting bus stops in conjunction with the local bus operator.

Recommendation:

That the proposal for a roundabout and intersection adjustments at the Maroubra Road / Flower Street intersection is endorsed.

Maroubra Road / Malabar Road:

Indicative cost: \$100,000

Location	Proposed Treatment(s)	Rationale
Malabar Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjust merge arrangement at traffic signals on Malabar Road departure side• Remove right turns into and out of Second Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modification to the merge arrangement is necessary to alleviate safety risks caused by the short merge length and vehicle waiting to turn right

Community Feedback:

- Concerns about removal of some parking spaces.
- Support to remove the right turn into Second Avenue
- Suggestion to install a red-light camera to reduce speeding.
- Proposal for left turn only from Second Ave to improve safety.
- Concerns about rat run through narrow residential streets.

Recommendation:

That the proposal for merge adjustment at the Maroubra Road / Malabar Road intersection, and a right turn ban from Malabar Road into Second Street is endorsed.

Next Steps

As detailed earlier within this report, Part b) of the Council Resolution regarding this project states:

- b) priority is to be given to the proposed treatment at Cooper Street/Mons Avenue before the proposed treatments at the other eight intersections are acted upon;*

An interpretation of this condition is that Council staff will be constrained from undertaking any concurrent works at any of the eight other intersections, until such time as the works at the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection are fully completed.

Operationally, this requirement will impose efficiency losses upon implementation at the other eight (8) locations along the route. For example, an upcoming early task would be the engagement of engineering surveyors to provide detailed plans of the existing intersection layouts. For a project of this size, Council officers would usually engage a surveyor to undertake 3 or 4 of the intersections concurrently. This results in timing efficiencies and likely cost savings. As a further example, while the detailed design of the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue roundabout was being undertaken by one of Council's more experienced designers or by a consultant (TBD), other designers / engineers could proceed with the design / implementation of the less complex intersections – such as the channelisation / raised pedestrian crossings at the Hannan Street / Maroubra Road intersection.

In order to retain focus on the Maroubra Road / Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection, whilst also allowing progress on the other corridor projects, it is recommended that Council officers progressively proceed with the design and implementation of the recommended treatments, at the eight other sites only when substantial development of the design at the priority intersection, being the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection, is achieved.

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	Investigate options to improve accessibility through large blocks and/or large developments, so as to enhance and strengthen our walking and bike riding networks, by 2027.
Delivery program commitment	Deliver a network of walking paths by 2031 informed by the Green Grid strategy and Active Transport 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	Work with Transport for NSW to achieve the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2056, under the Safe System approach.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Council has budgeted \$1.25M of its own funds for implementation of the outcomes from the Maroubra Road Transport Corridor Study. Additionally, Council was successful with an application made under the Australian Government Blackspot Program, for funding of \$455,775 to implement the proposed roundabout at the Maroubra Road / Flower Street intersection.

The payment and schedule milestones, according to the Blackspot Program - managed by TfNSW, will be incorporated into the current budget and future forecasts accordingly.

This level of funding will ensure that substantial progress can be achieved within the current works program - in the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

Council officers will submit further funding applications regarding this project, as TfNSW opens the application processes under various Programs. The result of these submissions will be known later in the year.

Policy and legislative requirements

Given the significance of the proposed intersection adjustments, Traffic Committee endorsement will be required. In addition, any proposed changes near existing traffic signals or any proposed new traffic signals will require formal application to, and approval of, Transport for NSW.

Conclusion

In consideration of community feedback indicating that the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection should be the highest priority intersection, and that this position also aligns with the Council's adopted position, it is considered that the processes for the design and implementation of a single lane roundabout at this intersection (with raised pedestrian crossings across each of the four legs of the intersection - if design permits) be commenced as soon as possible.

It is also considered that Council officers should progressively proceed with the design and implementation of the recommended treatments, at the eight other sites only when substantial development of the design at the priority intersection, being the Maroubra Road / Mons Avenue / Cooper Street intersection, is achieved.

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Community Consultation Report

Maroubra Road intersection upgrades

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1. Summary

Randwick City Council is proposing a series of intersection upgrades along Maroubra Road to improve safety for people walking, riding and driving.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to exhibit the concept plans and gather community feedback. The community were invited to view the proposed intersection designs and provide their comments via Your Say Randwick, submission to Randwick Council or at a drop in session at Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra.

Between 13 December 2023 and 14 February 2024 the Your Say Randwick webpage had 3856 visitors, 183 engaged participants, and 187 survey responses. Additionally, there were 53 email submissions made to Randwick Council.

The survey results indicated a range of viewpoints regarding the proposed upgrades. The most prominent themes regarding each individual intersection are as follows:

Intersection	Most prominent theme
Bunnerong Road	Lack of support for removal of slip lane at intersection
Royal Street / Hinkler Street	Lack of support for traffic light installation
Hannan Street	Support for proposed changes overall
Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	General comments on tree and/or median strip removal
Anzac Parade Intersection	Lack of support for lane reduction
Garden Street Intersection	General comments on active transport and tree removal
Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	Lack of support for traffic light installation
Flower Street Intersection	Mixed support for proposed roundabout
Malabar Road Intersection	General comments on active transport, driver behaviour, and support for proposed upgrades

Comments about driver behaviour, removal of parking, and the lack of active transport provisions were evident across all proposed upgrades. The intersections of Cooper Street/Mons Avenue, and Anzac Parade were the two highest priorities for survey respondents.

Major themes from the written submissions were that:

- Proposed changes to Royal Street / Hinkler Street would result in traffic flow changes within the local area
- Proposed changes to Maroubra Road overall would result in increased noise for residents
- Proposed changes to Maroubra Road would result in a decrease in property values
- The slip lane at Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road should not be removed.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

Randwick City Council has conducted a comprehensive study of Maroubra Road, from Bunnerong Road to Malabar Road. As a result, we are proposing a series of intersection upgrades with the aim of improving safety for people walking, riding and driving.

This is the second stage of consultation regarding the Maroubra Road corridor, with the intersection upgrades based on feedback gathered from the community in late 2021, as well as data collected through traffic counts, intersection surveys, traffic modelling, crash data analysis and safety reviews.

2.2. Objectives

- To explain the implications of the intersection upgrades to the community
- To test the community response to the intersection upgrade proposals
- To gather stakeholder feedback on the proposed intersection upgrades
- To prioritise proposed treatments required for upgrade based on community knowledge and interest

2.3. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 9 weeks from 13 December 2023 to 14 February 2024.

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

IAP2 Consultation level: Involve

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

2.4. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

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On the Your Say Randwick page, community members could complete and submit a survey. [Appendix 1](#) shows a summary of the survey questions.

[Appendix 2](#) shows responses to social media posts about the Maroubra Road intersections, and communications material prepared to inform the community of the consultation.

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3. Consultation summary

Tables 1 and 2 summarise all consultation outcomes and social media engagement respectively, between 13 December 2023 and 14 February 2024.

Table 1. Summary of all consultation outcomes.

Engagement	Number
Total visits to the Your Say Randwick Website	4663 visits
Participants who were:	
<div>Aware (visited at least one page)</div>	3157 participants
<div>Informed (viewed a photo, downloaded a document, visited multiple project pages)</div>	2018 participants
<div>Engaged (completed the online survey)</div>	183 participants
Downloads of proposed upgrade plans:	
Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road	963 downloads
Anzac Parade	720 downloads
Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	636 downloads
Royal Street/ Hinkler Street	650 downloads
Malabar Road	495 downloads
Hannan Street	491 downloads
Flower Street	483 downloads
Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	407 downloads
Garden Street	411 downloads
All intersections	390 downloads
Information brochure	105 downloads
Drop in session attendance (6 February 2024)	Approx. 30
Survey responses	187
Submissions to Randwick Council via email	53

Engagement	Number
Total number of responses	240 responses

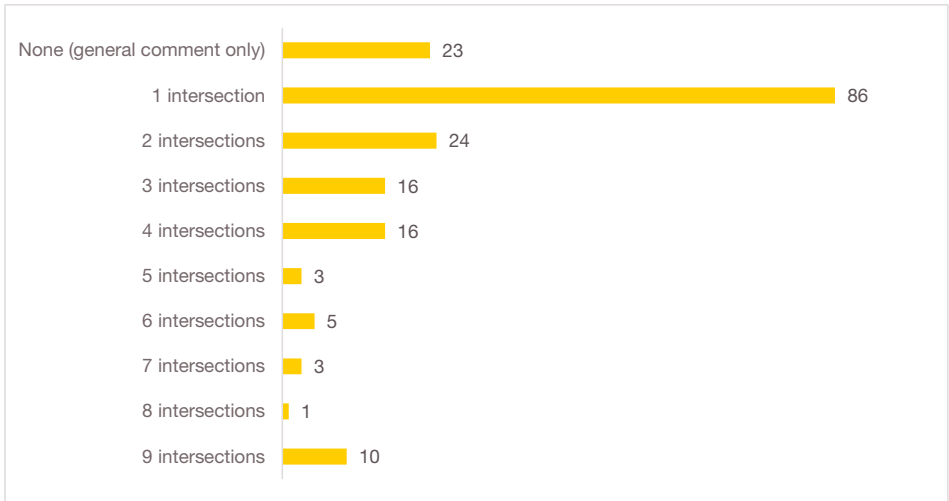
Table 2. Social media engagement.

Date	Post	Reach	Link clicks	Impressions	Reactions	Comments	Shares
30/01/2024	Facebook	1470	15	1580	2 (likes)	3	1

4. Results

Figure 1 summarises the number of intersections that survey respondents gave responses to. The ‘general comment’ category also included participants’ amalgamated responses to multiple intersections.

Figure 1. Number of intersections that participants gave a response to.



The following summarises the main themes discussed within the responses to each intersection, and in the general comments.

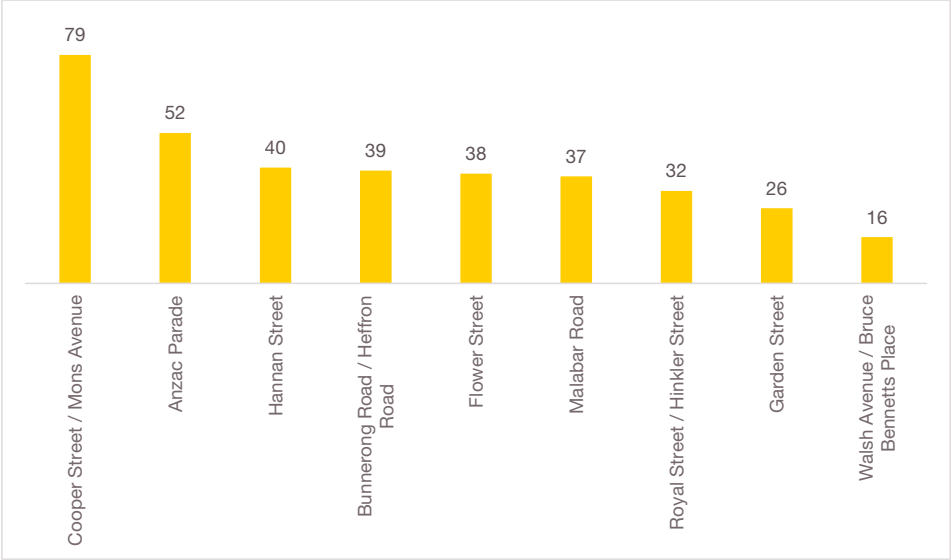
It should be noted here that a small number of survey participants ‘copied and pasted’ the same or very similar response across multiple intersection comment fields. Additionally, 3 participants gave multiple responses through the Your Say portal and 2 participants submitted both a response on Your Say and via email. For the purposes of the analyses in this report, all of these answers are treated as individual responses.

4.1.1. Top 3 intersections

Participants were able to select up to three priority intersections. Figure 2 shows the number of times each intersection was selected, in descending order.

Cooper Street / Mons Avenue was the most frequently selected intersection, which aligns with the Council’s treatment of this intersection as a priority project. Anzac Parade was the next most selected intersection. The intersections of Hannan Street, Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road, Flower Street, and Malabar Road were prioritised by approximately 40 participants each.

Figure 2. Intersections selected in top 3 priorities by participants.



4.1.2. Overall themes

The themes of active transport, driver behaviour, and the removal of parking were apparent across comments on multiple intersections and in the general comments.

Some participants perceived inadequate provisions for active transport, particularly for bicycle users.

“Some improvements for pedestrians but minimal improvements for cyclists, doesn't encourage getting cars off the road.” [General comment]

“I am happy with these upgrades to go ahead however, I cannot see any upgrades that would make bike riding within the Randwick Council area easier and safer for residents. These upgrades seem to focus more on drivers than on riders - which is sad because active transport should be encouraged as it has so many benefits.” [General comment]

Across the intersections comments and general comments there were also references to driver behaviour, especially speeding.

“Although the traffic should be travelling at 50km/h on Maroubra Road, I often have cars and trucks tailgating me to go faster. Maybe these changes will force the 'pushy' drivers to go at the prescribed speed.” [General comment]

"Cars speed down Maroubra Road and rarely stop for pedestrians waiting at the crossing, I have seen many near misses whilst sitting at the cafe." [Comment on Flower Street intersection]

"The intersection between Mons Ave and Haig St is also tricky as cars drive flying by on Mons Avenue (both directions). I wonder if speed reduction measures or creating a 40km zone would help?" [Comment on Cooper St / Mons Avenue intersection]

A range of views regarding removal of parking spaces was also discussed in various sections of the survey.

"I guess the loss of parking spaces will make for difficult times for all the current residents when busy. It's difficult enough now." [General comment]

"Parking spaces are already a premium within the precinct, so further removal of parking opportunity only increases traffic congestion." [Comment on Anzac Parade intersection]

"We need to remove more carparking along the streets, especially along major roads such as Anzac Parade, Maroubra Road [...] or Malabar Road to fluidify traffic." [General comment]

4.1.3. Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road: 42 responses

Approximately half of respondents to this intersection did not support removal of the slip lane in the proposed upgrades of Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road. Respondents cited better traffic flow as a reason to retain slip lanes.

"Keep the slip lane. Traffic flow is good as it is."

"Leave slip lanes as it is because you will have traffic banking up at stopped traffic light waiting to turn where as a slip lane allows better traffic flow."

"The slip lane is very quick and useful and alleviates queues at the traffic lights."

4.1.4. Royal Street / Hinkler Street: 53 responses

Approximately 40% of respondents to this intersection expressed their opinion of the proposed traffic lights. The majority of these responses indicated a lack of support, with some suggesting a roundabout as an alternative solution and others noting possible flow-on effects to local traffic that traffic light installation may bring.

"I agree something needs to be done about this intersection however what about a roundabout instead?"

"Putting traffic lights at this intersection will create further traffic problems."

"Traffic lights would increase congestion and stop start traffic after such a short distance from Bunnerong Road."

"I think putting in traffic lights will only encourage more cars down Hinkler Street in a bid to reduce their travel time."

"The introduction of traffic lights at this intersection raises concerns about the diversion of traffic through Hannan Street and Boyce Road as drivers seek shortcuts to avoid delays caused by the new lights."

Just under a quarter of respondents felt that the proposed changes to this intersection did not allow for the use of active transport.

"Statement at the bottom of the design page - says the aim is to improve safety for bike riders – yet there are no facilities at this intersection for bike riders in the design."

"I would like to keep the median strip - this is a safety feature both for pedestrians and drivers and would be disappointing to remove that when there is so much space on this road to keep the median here."

4.1.5. Hannan Street Intersection: 47 responses

Slightly over 40% of respondents to this question agreed that this intersection would benefit from the proposed changes.

"Hannan Street intersection is needed ASAP - as someone who used to live on that street I believe it should be a priority."

"Definitely need traffic lights here. One of the most dangerous intersections in Maroubra."

"Great proposal, it would greatly assist with crossing the road safely which I need to do daily."

4.1.6. Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place: 24 responses

This intersection had the fewest overall responses, and it was also the least frequently selected intersection in terms of respondent priorities. A quarter of responses to this intersection was regarding the proposed removal of trees and/or the median strip, but it should be noted that this only constituted 6 respondents.

"The plan appears to involve the removal of a number of magnificent Foxtail palm trees. The plan should attempt to retain these. The removal of the median will also jeopardise pedestrians who cross halfway between Walsh and Anzac."

"Replant trees lost in median removal, ideally natives."

4.1.7. Anzac Parade Intersection: 65 responses

Over half of respondents to this question indicated their objections to the proposed reduction of lanes on Anzac Parade. Objections were based on beliefs that lane reduction would have negative effects on traffic flow.

"Absolutely do not change this to 3 lanes. This is a major traffic pinch point and cars barely get through going straight when vehicles are turning right onto Anzac Parade in both directions. Having only 2 lanes will mean cars travelling straight will be caught behind vehicles turning right and left onto Anzac Parade which will mean less cars progress, more cars will block the intersection and traffic will back up down the roads further."

"The proposed changes will NOT improve traffic flow or pedestrian safety! Removing the travel lanes on either side will mean that less cars can get through each traffic light change or they will block the road."

"While I appreciate and support increased public domain space, I am concerned that reducing travel lanes from 3 to 2 will cause increased traffic back up. At the moment, having the third lane allows 3-4 extra cars to get through and turn right from Anzac Pde into Maroubra Road (going west). Without the third lane, traffic will back up further along Anzac as fewer cars will get through before the light changes which will have a domino effect."

Around 20% of respondents to this question expressed a lack of support for the proposed removal of the trees and/or the median strip.

"I object to the removal of the median strip along Maroubra Rd. It is wide enough to be safe and is heavily used by pedestrians along its length. The existing railing at the eastern end already prevents people from crossing dangerously close to the intersection with Anzac Pde. Removal of the strip will encourage dangerous pedestrian behaviour and create unnecessary inconvenience. Also, the trees and signage along the length of the median strip are visually pleasant and contribute significantly to the distinctive character of the area, and it would be a great shame to lose this benefit to the local area."

"I don't think the community will be too happy with removing the trees along Maroubra Road. They are a real identifier that you have arrived at a centre with a beachside character and connection."

Twenty per cent of respondents also suggested alternative lane/space dedications.

"You are proposing to reduce the holding capacity of the small westbound section of Maroubra Road located in the middle ANZAC Parade. This acts as a holding area for right turners heading south on ANZAC Parade turning right onto Maroubra Road. Given the space will only now hold six cars, it is also logical that the right turn bay heading south on ANZAC Parade only needs to be six cars in length. This should enable half of the existing right turn bay on ANZAC Parade to be reallocated to a pedestrian function as the space will become surplus."

"I believe that it would be better to make the Right Hand Lane - Right Turn only as that is unofficially what it is now."

"If there are only 2 lanes, one of these lanes will be filled/blocked by traffic turning right onto Anzac Parade. Effectively there will be only 1 lane for East / West travel, but on either side of the intersection there are 2 lanes. This will require 2 lanes to funnel into 1 lane to move through the intersection which will create significant congestion. I would suggest keeping 3 lanes, but making the right hand lanes Right Turn Only. This will allow the 2 lanes of East/West traffic to flow without the need to merge into a single lane."

4.1.8. Garden Street Intersection: 29 responses

This intersection received the second lowest number of responses overall. No dominant theme emerged; comments regarding this intersection were spread relatively evenly across the themes of active transport, tree removal, and comments that fell into an 'other' category.

"I would like to see more tree canopy included in the plans as the area has little to no shade when walking. Central trees in median strips would also beautify the area. Please consider more tree planting included as part of these plans."

"Need a bicycle lane each side!"

"Modest support - not sure it is required, but doesn't appear to be adverse."

4.1.9. Cooper Street / Mons Avenue: 52 responses

The most pertinent issue for this intersection was the proposed installation of traffic lights. 46% of respondents to this question specified that they did not support traffic light installation. Similarly to the Royal Street / Hinkler Street intersection, some respondents (23% of total responses to this question) suggested a roundabout as an alternative option to traffic lights.

"This really should not be a traffic light -- this is mostly used as a u-turn point therefore a round-about with incorporated raised pedestrian refuges would be more appropriate in this intersection to increase pedestrian safety and vehicle safety."

"A roundabout would work more efficiently than traffic lights. Traffic lights will cause congestion."

"I strenuously oppose installing traffic lights. Completely unnecessary."

Approximately 20% of respondents expressed support for the proposed traffic lights.

"I strongly support the signalisation, insertion of traffic lights. Very necessary and safe."

"Traffic lights absolute necessity. Such a dangerous intersection for drivers and impossible to cross for pedestrians."

"Lights are the only way to go... these changes need to happen ASAP! Such a dangerous intersection."

4.1.10. Flower Street Intersection: 46 responses

Just over 40% of responses to this question were regarding the proposed roundabout. Support of the roundabout was mixed, with some expressing concern about the proposed pedestrian crossings being very close to the roundabout.

"Wholeheartedly approve of proposed roundabout option and moving crossing."

"Roundabout not needed, I drive through this intersection a lot, all you want to do is put concrete in the middle of the road and waste MY money for no gain."

Just under 20% of responses regarded parking issues on Flower Street. This included both difficulty in finding a car space, and visibility issues when cars are parked on the street.

"Remove some parking from flower street as it is very congested when turning from Maroubra Rd to flower St and vica versa."

"The first two to three parking spaces in Flower Street on the eastern & particularly western side should be removed so that buses can navigate around that corner - currently this becomes blocked as they cannot fit around the corner with cars parked there. Pedestrians are forced to navigate this blockage, often not visible to bus or vehicle drivers whilst crossing."

Residents will lose parking spaces (it is already hard enough to find parking).

4.1.11. Malabar Road Intersection: 25 responses

In a similar fashion to responses to the Garden Street intersection, relatively few responses were submitted to this question and there was no prevalent theme. Comments were made regarding active transport, vehicles speeding through the intersection, and a general agreement with the proposed upgrades.

"Wheelchair accessible gradients 1 in 14 please. Not over 1 in 9 as it is now DEADLY"

"I have been almost hit by cars a number of times, crossing Malabar Road on the Western side. It's always been early morning or late evening, when it's dark, but as I cross when the lights tell me to, I can't see that it makes a difference that the driver can see me or not - they must be going through a red light. As it's happened at least five times, I am not very careful and always wait to cross, but I don't know why people drive through here and maybe a red light camera might also be a good addition."

"Yes - looks sensible."

4.1.12. Overall comments on proposed upgrades: 102 responses

Approximately 20% of respondents to this question indicated general agreement with the proposed upgrades.

"Makes total sense. Well thought through design"

"All of the improvements seem very sensible"

"These sound like great ideas. Please implement them as soon as possible"

Twenty per cent of respondents also viewed a perceived lack of active transport provisions within the proposed upgrades.

"Great ideas all over. Only suggested addition would be re-introduction of a cycle path."

"Although I'm not familiar with all of these intersections by name, I do feel that we are continuing to prioritise car travel too much. I would prefer to see the equivalent safety improvements through lower speed limits and reduced vehicle lanes, and raised pedestrian crossings instead of crossing lights where possible. This would be more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists, and safer for all road users."

Almost 10% of respondents commented on parking-related issues.

"Removing parking spots from the front of residential dwellings is not acceptable."

"Car use is continually increasing, reducing parking [...] will only cause more driver frustration and traffic jams."

"Impact to residents has not been taken into account. What will be done to ease parking congestion in the surrounding streets?"

4.2. Your Say portal and email submissions

A total of 53 emails were received regarding the Maroubra Road intersection upgrades. As email responses could refer to multiple intersections or to the general proposed Maroubra Road intersection upgrades, the 'number of responses that referred to this intersection' column does not total 53.

The most prominent themes that surfaced across the email responses were the viewpoints that:

- Proposed changes to Royal Street / Hinkler Street would result in traffic flow changes within the local area
- Proposed changes to Maroubra Road overall would result in increased noise for residents
- Proposed changes to Maroubra Road would result in a decrease in property values
- The slip lane at Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road should not be removed.

Intersection	Number of responses that referred to this intersection	Percentage of email responses
Royal Street / Hinkler Street	23	42.6%
Flower Street	10	18.5%
General comments	10	18.5%
Bunnerong Rd / Heffron Road	9	16.7%
Anzac Parade	9	16.7%
Malabar Road	8	16.7%
Hannan Street	8	14.8%
Cooper Street / Mons Avenue	8	14.8%
Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place	6	11.1%
Garden Street	6	11.1%
Other intersections	5	9.3%

4.3. Drop in session

Randwick Council held a drop-in session on Tuesday 6 February 2024, 4pm – 6pm at the Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra Junction.

Approximately 30 people attended the session. The drop in was designed to allow the community to view the proposed intersection upgrade plans and discuss the plans in person with Council's Integrated Transport team.

Figure 3. Photo of the drop-in session, on 6 February 2024.



5. Appendix 1: Survey Questions

Question	Response options
Choose the intersection you would like to comment on – choose all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road • Royal Street / Hinkler Street • Hannan Street • Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place • Anzac Parade • Garden Street • Cooper Street / Mons Avenue • Flower Street • Malabar Road <p>Selecting any option(s) opened a new text box with the text 'What comments do you have on the [selected intersection] intersection upgrade?'</p>
Or you may wish to make an overall comment on the proposed intersection upgrades?	Open response
Please tick your top 3 priority intersections for upgrading. Note: Council has identified the Cooper Street / Mons Avenue intersection as a priority project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road • Royal Street / Hinkler Street • Hannan Street • Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place • Anzac Parade • Garden Street • Cooper Street / Mons Avenue • Flower Street • Malabar Road
Alternatively, you may wish to upload your comments	Upload file option
Your name	Open response
Your street address	Open response

6. Appendix 2: Social media and communications material

This Appendix includes copies of:

- the Facebook post on 30 January 2024, and related engagement
- communications materials prepared for promotion of the consultation.

6.1. Facebook post and related engagement

Randwick City Council
30 January at 11:30 · 🌐

We're proposing a series of intersection upgrades along Maroubra Road, and we want to hear your thoughts 🗣️

Drop by for a chat on Tuesday 6 February at 4pm, and don't forget to have your say before Wednesday 14 February 📅 <https://ow.ly/TgJI50QvFLZ>

Maroubra Road intersection upgrades

Randwick Council is proposing a series of intersection upgrades to improve road safety for people walking, riding and driving along Maroubra Road, from Bunnerong Road to Malabar Road.

Visit yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Drop-in session:
Tuesday 6 Feb 2024, 4-6pm at the Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra Junction.

Feedback open:
13 December 2023 to 14 February 2024.


HAVE YOUR SAY

Join us at our drop in session

**Tuesday 6 Feb
4 - 6pm**
Lionel Bowen Library
Maroubra Junction

Maroubra Road intersection upgrades

👍 2 3 comments 1 share




Tim Allen

What about Duncan st and maroubra rd?? Nowhere for people to cross safely and accidents every second week.. Randwick council.. doing heaps...

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Like

Reply



Julie Thompson

What's happening on Anzac Parade near Bass Street tonight? No notice of road works but road partially closed and the noise and flashing lights are ridiculous.

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Like

Reply

6.2. Communications material distributed along Maroubra Road

Maroubra Road intersection upgrades

Randwick City Council is proposing upgrades to this intersection to improve road safety for people walking, biking and driving.

HAVE YOUR SAY

View the detailed designs for this and other key intersections along Maroubra Road and provide your feedback at:
yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Or chat with Council at the Lionel Bowen Library, Anzac Parade Maroubra on Tuesday 6 Feb 2024, 4-6pm

Feedback open:
13 Dec 2023 to 14 Feb 2024.

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Director City Services Report No. CS52/24

Subject: Kensington West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a resolution of Council (*Stavrinou/Luxford*) made at the June 2020 Council meeting concerning, amongst other matters, the paused Kensington / West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study. Arising from the resolution was a decision to recommence the Study.
- The recommenced Study is now complete, and it recommends a staged approach for the implementation of traffic devices and the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit, within the Study area.
- Council was successful with an application, made under TfNSW Safer Roads Program, to provide funding of \$6.25M to implement traffic devices in the southern part of the study area. Additionally, Council has budgeted \$1M of its own funds for the implementation of traffic facilities within the whole KWK Study area.
- As the project will continue through multiple financial years, Council Officers will recommend further funding allocations to Council in future Capital Works Programs to complete the remaining \$1.15million of unfunded works.
- The Kensington / West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study is now completed and the proposals for the numerous traffic devices can be released to the community for consultation.

Recommendation

That the Kensington / West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management study be released for Community Consultation, by March 2025, with a further report coming back to the Council regarding the outcomes of the consultation processes.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Kensington West Kingsford - Local Area Traffic Management Study
2. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Appendix B - Community Engagement Memo - Kensington West Kingsford - Local Area Traffic Management Study

Purpose

At its Ordinary meeting on the 23rd of June 2020, the Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Stavrinou/Luxford) that Council:

- a) *not support the City of Sydney's proposed constriction of the Euston Road / McEvoy Street / Lachlan Street / Dacey Avenue route due to the possible deleterious impact on the Gardeners Road route, likely resulting in greater through traffic impacts being borne by the Kensington / West Kingsford community; and*
- b) *immediately commence the traffic study of the Kensington / West Kingsford Area in order to review any impact that the WestConnex may have on traffic movements in the area and to bring a report back to Council on the options for installing mitigation measures to alleviate these concerns.*

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the Kensington West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study (KWK LATM) report. The KWK LATM explores the use of physical devices, non-physical measures, streetscaping treatments and other measures to influence road user behaviour to create safer, slower, and more pleasant streets. The measures recommended within the KWK LATM study also aid in alleviating the possible impacts of increased through traffic due to surrounding developments and changes to traffic conditions such as the completion of the WestConnex.

Endorsement is sought from Council for the report to be released for Community Consultation.

Discussion

Background

The original KWK LATM study was initially commenced in 2012, prior to the announcement of the light rail project. Mid 2013, following the commencement of light rail construction activities, it was decided to "pause" the LATM Study given the traffic flow changes occurring due to construction. Given the aforementioned Council Resolution, the LATM study was recommenced with the engagement of a consultant to review the previous documentation and prepare a new report with updated recommendations. The updated recommendations are based on updated traffic counts, crash data analysis and analysis of responses to community consultation.

The key elements and recommendations of the Study are summarised within this report for Council's understanding and to determine endorsement of the report for Community Consultation.

Study Area

The study area is bound by Alison Road and Moore Park to the north, Anzac Parade and Randwick Racecourse to the east, Gardeners Road to the south and Southern Cross Drive and Australian Golf Course to the west (see following map).

Community Engagement

An initial round of Community Consultation was undertaken via the Council's "Your Say" website using an online interactive mapping platform. Community Engagement was open from 11th September to 24th October 2023. This survey provided opportunities for the public to raise specific concerns and identify opportunities to improve transport and traffic conditions within the study area. A total of 667 submissions from 159 unique contributors were received. The Study report details the key concerns and locations identified by the public during this community consultation.

Recommended Treatments

Traffic Devices

The Study report details the recommended treatments with details regarding justification of the recommendations and challenges. Figure 1 below summarises the location of the recommended treatments.

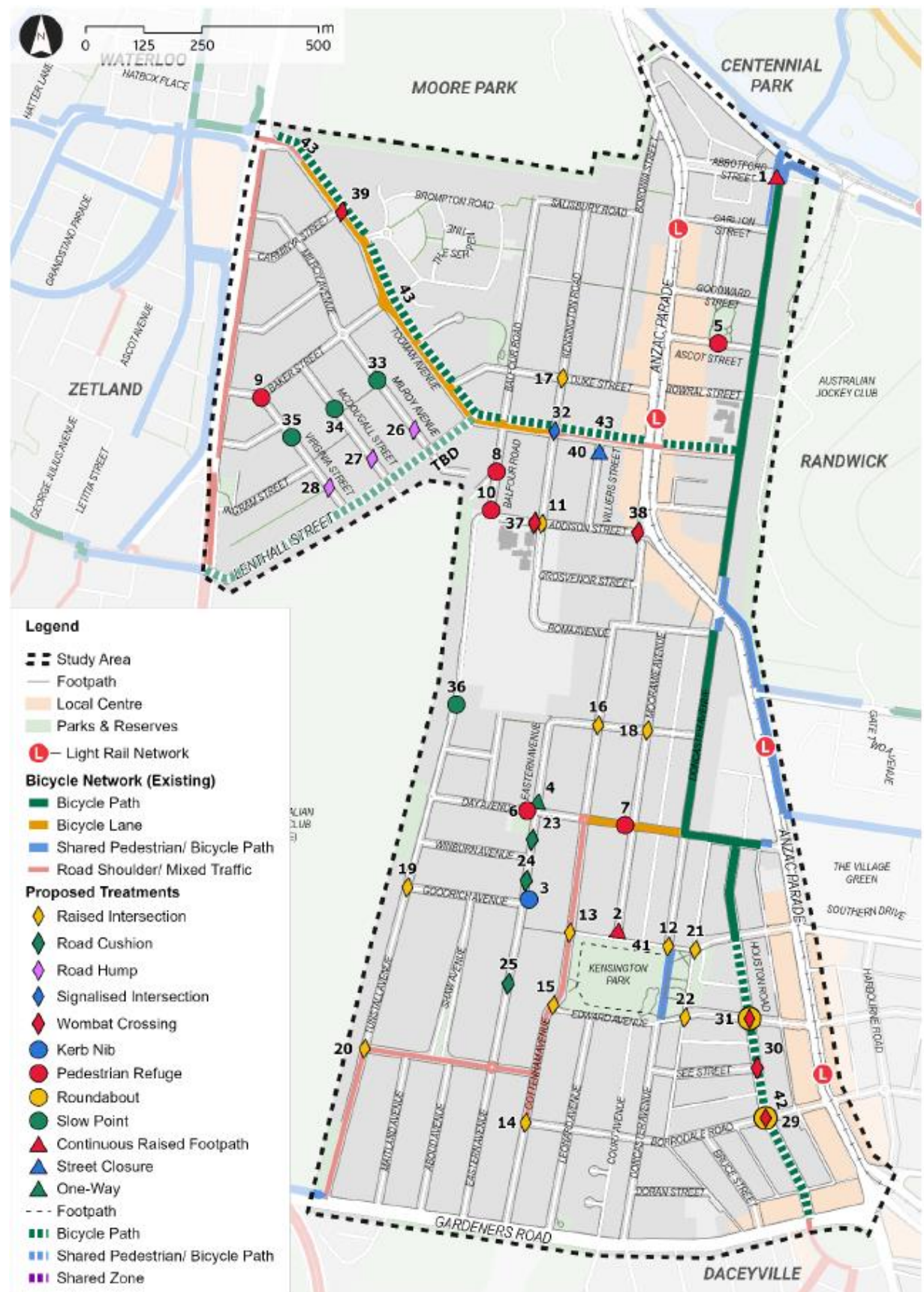


Figure 1: Proposed Locations for Recommended Treatments

It is noted that these recommendations will only be finalised following exhibition of the report to the community and analysis of the feedback received.

Speed Reduction

To further support the local nature of Kensington and West Kingsford, a speed reduction from 50km/h to 40km/h over the whole study area is proposed. This is subject to approval from TfNSW. Generally, TfNSW requires that 40km/h areas have numerous traffic devices installed prior to approval of a 40km/h speed limit. The objective is that a 40km/h local traffic area be self-enforcing, with traffic devices installed to encourage motorists to travel at the lower speed.

The implementation of Local Area Traffic Management devices would be staged as detailed within the Study report - shown in Figure 2 following. It is noted that the 40km/h speed limit applying to the Stage 1 (eastern) area was implemented in mid-2024. The southern portion of the study area (Stage 2), south of Addison Street, is proposed to be the next area for speed reduction as it is the area most likely to be impacted by the opening of the West Connex project. TfNSW funding (\$6.25M) has been received to implement the recommended traffic devices upon the southern side of the study area. The Council funds (\$1M) can be utilised to implement many of the proposed traffic devices within the northern side of the Study area. This is discussed in further detail within the 'Resourcing Strategy Implications' section of this Report.

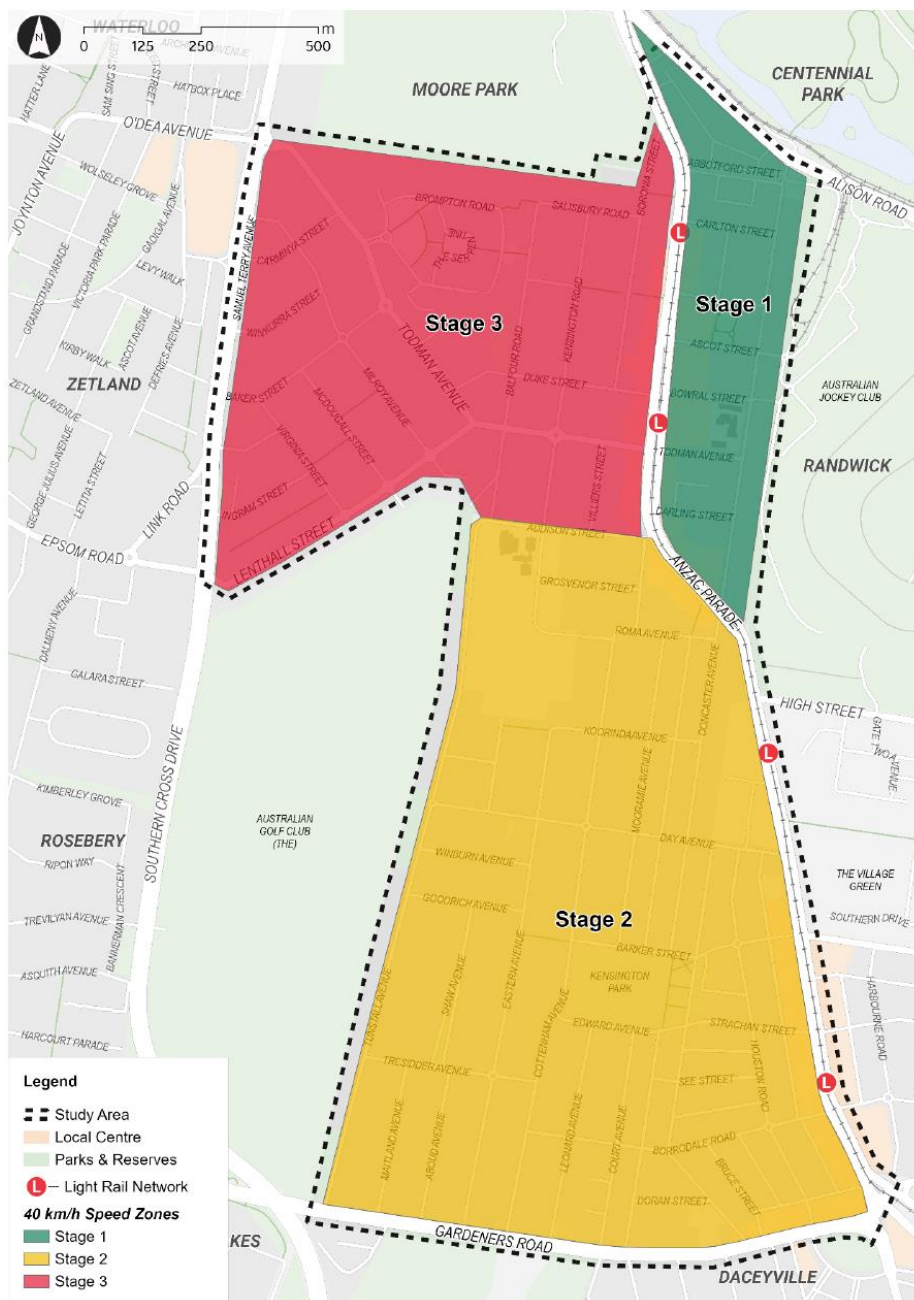


Figure 2: Proposed Staging of Speed Reduction to Support Traffic Devices

Introduction of traffic devices is required to meet TfNSW requirements that the reduced speed limit is “self-enforcing”. The recommended traffic devices will encourage lower speeds to achieve this goal.

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 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	Work with TfNSW to review speed limits (differentiating between town centres and residential areas) in 2 identified areas each year until 2031.

Risks

The following risks have been identified with respect to the release of the draft report for Community Consultation.

- Feedback from residents following Community Consultation may impact the final recommended traffic devices and implementation of these devices. Concerns raised may relate to the possible impact on parking, lighting, noise etc. Changes may result in additional costs. An indication of the likely impacts of each device is included within the Study report, to ensure that the community is informed of the potential impacts of each proposal.
- Following community consultation, development of the detailed designs may impact on feasibility of each proposed device due to various constraints such as existing utility services, flooding / drainage issues, lighting, Road Safety Audit findings etc. This may then result in a variation or elimination of a proposed device. This may be questioned by the community and any changes may result in additional costs.
- Proposed treatments have taken into consideration factors including crash data, speed data and previous community feedback. Changes requested may reduce the effectiveness of addressing the previously considered aspects including road safety and residential amenity such as vehicle speeds and volumes.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Council has budgeted \$1M of its own funds for the implementation of traffic facilities arising from the KWK Study.

Additionally, Council was successful with an application made under TfNSW Safer Roads Program, for funding of \$6.25M.

The \$7.25M combined funding will be applied to:

- 28 of the 36 identified treatments in the southern area; and
- 7 of the 13 identified treatments in the northern area.

At this stage it is anticipated that the remaining 8 identified sites in the southern area and 6 identified sites in the northern area (not currently funded) is anticipated to cost \$1.15 million.

Council can expect a subsequent report to be brought back to a future Council meeting once the projects are further developed for consideration. As the project will continue through multiple financial years, Council Officers will recommend further funding allocations to Council in future Capital Works Programs to complete the remaining \$1.15million of unfunded works.

Council officers will submit further funding applications regarding this project, as TfNSW opens the application processes under various Programs. As the KWK LATM project progresses, Council officers will keep Council informed of the funding situation and the position regarding any funding applications submitted.

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Policy and legislative requirements

The Kensington West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study aligns with the intent of the following documents:

- Randwick Integrated Transport Strategy (2021)
- Randwick Community Strategic Plan (2022)
- Randwick Local Strategic Planning Statement.

It is also consistent with relevant NSW Government plans and policies including:

- Future Transport Strategy (TfNSW 2022)
- Movement and Place Framework (NSW Government)
- Active Transport Strategy (TfNSW 2022)
- Strategic Cycleway Corridors: Eastern Harbour City (TfNSW 2022)
- South-East Sydney Transport Strategy (TfNSW 2022).

Conclusion

The attached Kensington West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Study has been prepared to address the longstanding concerns of the community. It is considered that Council should release this report for Community Consultation and that a further report come back to the Council reporting upon the outcomes of the consultation processes.

Responsible officer: Shenara Wanigasekera, Transport Engineer

File Reference: F2023/00774

Director City Services Report No. CS53/24

Subject: Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee - November 2024


Executive Summary

- The Council's Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee (CABFAC) meets quarterly to examine issues relating to bike riding and cycling facilities.
- The November 2024 meeting of CABFAC was attended by Councillors, representatives of BIKEast, members of the community, and Council staff.
- The November 2024 meeting of CABFAC confirmed the Councillor delegates and the nominated representatives from BIKEast and Safe Streets to School.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024, be received, and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  CABFAC Minutes - November 2024 (Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee)

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on 10 October 2017, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: Mayoral Minute No. MM29/17 (The Mayor, Cr Lindsay Shurey) that a Cycleway and Bike Facilities Advisory Committee be established, consisting of Councillors Matson, Neilson and Veitch and representatives of BikeEast with the following terms of reference:

- 1. report to the Works Committee;
- 2. enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
- 3. advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
- 4. review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
- 5. participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
- 6. be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
- 7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within “Sydney’s Cycling Future”;
- 8. help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils, and
- 9. The meetings of this Advisory Committee be open to the public with Agendas and Minutes being published on a relevant page of the Council’s website.

The CABFAC, at its 6 November 2024 meeting considered numerous matters of importance to local bicycle riders.

Discussion

Minutes of CABFAC Meeting held 6 November 2024 are attached.

At its ordinary meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Hay/Luxford) that:

- a) the list of committees as circulated by the Mayor be endorsed and that consequential amendments are made to the respective committee charters to reflect the proposed membership;
- b) the Aboriginal Consultative Committee be retained; and
- c) the Cycleway & Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee composition be amended to continue with three Councillor Representatives, two representatives from BIKEast, one representative from Safe Streets for School and some community representatives, with a view to having a diverse range of views represented.

Concerning Item (c) it is advised that the three Councillor delegates to the Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee (CABFAC), through to September 2025, are Councillor Gordon, Councillor Magner and Councillor Veitch. The nominated representatives from BIKEast are Ms Yvonne Poon and Mr Elliot Jones. The nominated representative from Safe Streets to School is Ms Katja Kilkauer. It was further noted that representatives for BIKEast and Safe Streets to School may change as required depending on availability.

The subsequent meeting dates for CABFAC will be confirmed following nomination of the 2025 Ordinary Council meeting dates.

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	Update the 2015 Bicycle Route Construction Priority List and develop an Active Transport Plan for the LGA by 2023.
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.
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 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2027.

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Risks

There are no operational or strategic risks associated with this report.

Resourcing Strategy implications

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

Policy and legislative requirements

The CABFAC 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.

Responsible officer: Lachlan Wood, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer

File Reference: F2018/00158



MINUTES OF CYCLEWAYS AND BICYCLE FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30AM

1. Terms of Reference

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

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

1. Report to the Council (formerly Works Committee);
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
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9. The meetings of this Advisory Committee be open to the public with Agendas and Minutes being published on a relevant page of the Council's website.

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

Attendees:

Councillors	
Cr Philippa Veitch	RCC - Councillor
Cr Aaron Magner	RCC - Councillor
Cr Dexter Gordon	RCC - Councillor
Stakeholders	
Ms Yvonne Poon	BIKEast
Mr Elliott Jones	BIKEast
Ms Katja Kilkaue	Safe Streets to School
Ms Diane Nazaroff	Resident
Mr Paul Chilcott	Resident
Ms Kristina Warton	Resident
RCC Officers	
Tony Lehmann	RCC - Manager Integrated Transport
Lachlan Wood	RCC - Senior Sustainable Transport Officer
Jay Lee-Pieterse	RCC - Senior Sustainable Transport Officer
Renna Korn	RCC - Student Engineer

2. Acknowledgement of Country

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The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Tony Lehmann.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jim Hope.

4. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

Nil.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

Previous minutes confirmed.

6. Items for consideration

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports

BAC14/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Advisory Committee - chairperson and composition (F2018/00158)

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 22 October 2024, Council resolved:

(Hay/Luxford) that:

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- b) the Aboriginal Consultative Committee be retained; and
- c) the Cycleway & Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee composition be amended to continue with three Councillor Representatives, two representatives from BIKEast, one representative from Safe Streets for School and some community representatives, with a view to having a diverse range of views represented.

Regarding nomination of the Chairperson of this Advisory Committee, it is considered that there may be some positive symmetry if, like the Traffic Committee processes, the most senior participating officer from Council's Integrated Transport Department, be the Chair. This provides greater opportunities for all Councillors to take part equally in the various discussions throughout the meetings.

Concerning Item (c) it is advised that the three Councillor delegates to the Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee (CABFAC), through to September 2025, are Councillor Gordon, Councillor Magner and Councillor Veitch.

With further regard to Item (c), contact has been made with Safe Streets to School and with BIKEast requesting that they nominate representatives for the Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee (CABFAC). It is expected that, by the time of the CABFAC meeting, the names of the representatives will be available.

Discussion

Mr Lehmann provided background of Council resolution and was nominated as the Chairperson for the Committee.

Councillor Veitch, Councillor Gordon and Councillor Magner were previously nominated as the Councillor representatives. Ms Poon and Mr Jones were nominated as the BIKEast representatives. Ms Kilbauer was nominated as the Safe Streets to School representative.

It was noted that representatives for BIKEast and Safe Streets to School may change as required depending on availability.

Ms Poon stated that Safe Streets to School were never excluded from the CABFAC meetings as BIKEast were inclusive of Safe Streets to School member.

Recommendation

That,

- The chairperson of the Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee, be Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport Department, and
- The nominated Ms Kilkauer for Safe Streets to School representative and nominated Ms Poon and Mr Jones BIKEast representatives, for the Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee, are acknowledged.

BAC15/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Get NSW Active Program Funding / TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program (F2018/00158)

A summary of the Council's applications for Get NSW Active Grant Funding is detailed in the table below:

Applications made 2024/25	Award Status	Funding stage requested	TfNSW Contribution
Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway – Section 3 (Barker Street to Sturt Street) – Design assessment	Successful	Design	100% \$411K
Paine Reserve – Shared Path (North South)	Successful	Construction	100% \$263K
Maroubra Road Corridor Upgrade (Proposed Detailed Design)	Unsuccessful	Design	100%
Applications made 2023/24	Award Status	Funding stage requested	TfNSW Contribution
South Coogee to Kingsford – Stage 1 (Sturt Street)	Successful for construction of traffic signals at Avoca St / Bundock St/Sturt St	Construction	100% \$2M
Maroubra Road Walking and Cycling Improvements Project (noting Council has deleted the cycleway component)	Successful – Concept Design	Design	80% \$300K
Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements	Successful	Design	100% \$667K
Previous application made 2022/23	Award Status	Funding stage requested	TfNSW Contribution
Active Transport Plan	Successful	Strategy	100% \$140K
South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street / Sturt Street) – Detailed design finalisation	Successful	Design	100% \$474,580
Coogee to Randwick – Concept and detailed design	Successful	Design	100% \$776K

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Anzac Parade – Mid A – Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street / APPP – Detailed design	Successful	Design	50% \$396K
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Detailed updates on each of the projects funded as part of the Get NSW Active Program are provided within this business paper.

Discussion

Mr Lehmann provided an update on the status of the funded projects.

Ms Nazaroff enquired about the proposed new crossing across Rainbow Street at Byrd Avenue. Mr Lehmann advised that, as Rainbow Street is a state road, TfNSW is currently investigating a crossing in this vicinity.

Ms Warton enquired whether Council could submit an application to widen the existing footpath on the eastern side Avoca Street along the Randwick barracks. Mr Lehmann advised that this may be investigated, including costing, for inclusion in future funding or works programs. Ms Lee-Pieterse noted that Council need to balance existing resources and project load to manage priorities.

Cr Gordon queried if any motions passed at the Ordinary Council meeting in November could be included in this year's funding applications. Mr Lehmann advised that the funding deadlines would not be viable given the detailed cost estimates which are required prior to submission.

Recommendation

That the information be received, and that it be noted that the advisory committee supports TfNSW investigation of a raised pedestrian/cycle crossing of Rainbow in the vicinity of Byrd Ave.

BAC16/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Active Transport Plan / Transport Mode Hierarchy (F2022/00615)

The Active Transport Strategy is now referred to as the Active Travel Plan. This is to better reflect its position as a Related Plan rather than an Informing Strategy in Council's document hierarchy. Following two rounds of community consultation and stakeholder engagement, Council has reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated all feedback and the Active Transport Plan is now finalised. The Active Transport Plan is comprised of three separate but related documents:

- Active Transport Plan
- Active Transport Plan: Analysis
- Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling

These documents establish the vision for active transport in the City and will guide strategic decisions of Council and Council officers regarding walking, bicycle riding and public transport consistent with the Integrated Transport Strategy and the endorsed Transport Mode Hierarchy. The Active Transport Plan will go before Council for adoption following the 2024 NSW Local Government elections.

Council's Bicycle Route Construction Priority List will be reviewed following the adoption of the Active Transport Plan. The list will then be released for community consultation.

Discussion

Nil.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

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BAC17/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway (F2018/00158)

The full Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements (K2CP) project will deliver Route 1 of the *Randwick City Council Bicycle route construction priority list (2015)*. It includes improvements along Doncaster Avenue, Day Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Crescent, Sturt Street.

Sections 1 and 2 (total of 1.8km) of the K2CP project were constructed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and were opened to public in December 2023. Sections 1 & 2 extend from Alison Road in the north through to Barker Street in the south.

Doncaster Avenue / Anzac Parade Intersection Improvements

TfNSW continue to review the options to upgrade the Doncaster Avenue / Anzac Parade intersection to provide a continuous separated cycleway across Anzac Parade. TfNSW's community consultation period was completed on 18 October 2024 and the submissions are currently being reviewed by TfNSW.

Section 3 – Houston Road, General Bridges Crescent and Sturt Street.

Section 3 of K2CP project includes the following remaining sections for construction:

- Houston Road, from Barker Street south to Gardeners Road,
- General Bridges Crescent, from Gardeners Road through to Bunnerong Road (Bayside Council area), and
- Sturt St, from Bunnerong Road through to Anzac Parade.

This section also includes upgrades to the existing traffic signals at the Gardeners Road / Houston Road / General Bridges Crescent intersection. And it includes the introduction of new traffic signals at the Bunnerong Road / General Bridges Crescent / Sturt Street intersection.

The Section 3 design extends to the western side of the Anzac Parade / Sturt Street intersection. Further upgrades to the Anzac Parade / Sturt Street intersection will be a component of the Anzac Parade Paths project.

Council received funding under the Get NSW Active Program 2024/2025 for the Section 3 design assessment to consider a more effective and cost-efficient protected cycleway proposal for the rest of the project. The objective of the design assessment is to apply the lessons learned from Sections 1 and 2 to improve design. It also aims to minimise construction impact upon residents and businesses. This design project is currently in procurement process.

The Council's application for construction of Section 3 was not successful in the Round 1 and 2 of Towards Zero Safer Roads Program 2025/2026. Council awaits further updates from TfNSW and will, in the meantime, continue to seek funding opportunities to complete Section 3.

Doncaster Avenue, South of Alison Road

Given conclusion of the adjacent construction works, in September 2024 the temporary "Klemfix" separators, that were installed along Doncaster Avenue cycleway from Abbotford Street to Carlton Street, were removed and permanent concrete separators were installed. This formalised the northern end of K2CP cycleway. The following images detail the completed permanent separated cycleway.



Discussion

Mr Lehmann provided an update on this project.

Cr Veitch asked if funding will be sought to construct Section 3 to complete the project. Ms Lee Pieterse advised that costing has been carried out and the indicative cost is approximately \$11-12M.

Ms Poon queried if feedback on the proposed amendments to provide separate crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at the Doncaster Avenue/Anzac Parade intersection had been received. Mr Lehmann advised that Council is still to receive this feedback from TfNSW.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC18/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Anzac Parade (Walking and Cycling) Paths Project (APPP) (PROJ/11009/2022)

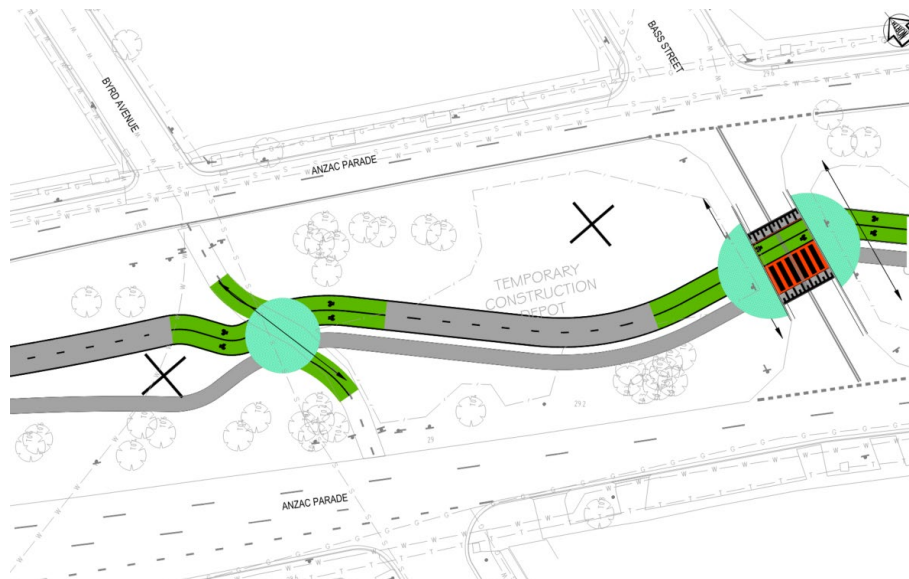
Council was successful in gaining 50% funding for developing the detailed design documentation package of the Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths Project under the Get NSW Active Program.

The Consultant has completed the Strategic Framework report (Stage 1) and is working on the concept design including traffic control signal (TCS) design and path alignments.

The base traffic assessment has been reviewed and the consultant is currently working to update the traffic impact assessment so that potential impacts to the operation of the State Road of Anzac Parade are fully understood. Once the traffic assessment is finalised the draft traffic control plans and supporting documentation will be submitted to TfNSW for Approval in Principle.

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Council officers continue to work together with the consultant and TfNSW to develop the concept design. Project completion is anticipated to be in 2025.



Early draft design demonstrating the design approach to crossings and shared spaces within the median (subject to approvals)

Discussion

Cr Veitch asked for an update on construction funding for this project. Mr Lehmann advised it is too early in the project to provide accurate costings at this stage.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC19/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Project (PROJ/10180/1527784/4)

Council is continuing to work with the primary consultant to complete the detailed design following the success of Council's Get NSW Active Program submission. The funding covered 100% of the finalisation of the detailed documentation package for the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Project (Bundock Street and Sturt Street).

Council applied under the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for funding to construct Stage 1 of the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape project. Of the applied funding, the signalisation of the Avoca Street/Bundock Street/Sturt Street intersections was approved with \$2 million allocated for this project. As such, Council has instructed the consultant to prioritise the detailed design for the Avoca Street signalised intersection and to prepare a separate construction tender package.

Avoca Street / Bundock Street / Sturt Street - Signalisation

During the detailed design of the Avoca Street signalised intersection, it was found that proposed new traffic signals would be in conflict with a water main on Avoca Street. To address this issue a specific Sydney Water major works approval and specialist input is required. Council has approved

and funded the \$136,000 variation to manage this process, which is anticipated to take a minimum of 12 months to complete.

The consultants have developed the detailed design package for the Avoca Street signalised intersection to 80% complete. Council continues to work with TfNSW to satisfy the approval requirements of the traffic signal design. Following TfNSW's approval of the necessary assessments, the major works approval process will commence.

The construction ready plans for the Avoca Street signalised intersection are anticipated to be complete by June 2025. Construction for the signalised intersection will commence following completion of the major works approval process, which is currently anticipated in 2026.

Avoca Street / Bundock Street / Sturt Street - Temporary Pedestrian Refuges

Council is working toward approval and introduction of pedestrian refuges at the crossings of Sturt Street and Bundock Street at Avoca Street.

The two proposed pedestrian refuges will reduce the width of the traffic lanes from the side streets, down to a single lane. Accordingly, a requirement of the proposed changes to the intersection is that right turns from Bundock Street (westbound) into Avoca Street (northbound) be banned and right turns from Sturt Street (eastbound) into Avoca Street (southbound) be banned. The legal authority to ban turn movements is not delegated to Councils but remains with TfNSW.

Community consultation has commenced and will be concluded by the end of November. Following which, Council will seek formal approval from TfNSW to install the temporary pedestrian refuges.

Given that the longer term proposal is the installation of traffic signals, these pedestrian refuges will be implemented in semi-permanent materials which will be able to be removed more easily (and more cost-effectively) once the traffic signal construction processes commence.



Proposed temporary pedestrian refuges at the intersections of Avoca/Sturt Street and Avoca/Bundock Street

Sturt Street and Bundock Street Cycleway

Design work on the Sturt Street and Bundock Street cycleway packages have progressed and the consultant is currently working towards 95% complete for both design packages.

The construction ready plans for the Sturt Street and Bundock Street cycleways are anticipated to be complete by June 2025 with construction subject to approvals (from TfNSW and Ausgrid) and future successful funding applications.

Discussion

Ms Poon thanked Council for progressing with the temporary pedestrian refuges.

Ms Warton asked what the timeline for implementation is. Mr Lehmann advised that the community consultation process is still to be completed. Once complete the results will be issued to TfNSW seeking approval of the right turn bans and Council would then proceed with the installation.

Ms Nazaroff asked what the normal timeframe for consultation was. Mr Lehmann advised the usual timeframe is 28 days, but this period was extended due to an error in the consultation material.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC20/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Randwick to Coogee - Active Transport Project (PROJ/11008/2023)

The Coogee to Randwick Cycleway project will provide a bicycle link from Coogee Beach to the Randwick light rail terminus and UNSW. The project will provide an active transport link between these key destinations and provide light rail passengers an alternative to driving to the Randwick light rail stop. The introduction of the light rail corridor on High Street and the new development at the Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct have required that the route originally identified be re-examined.

The first stage of the project is the Strategic Framework and Options Assessment. The strategic framework establishes the vision and objectives for the project and provides a site analysis identifying the opportunities and constraints within the defined study area. A robust route options assessment is being undertaken and the preferred route alignment will be identified. The subsequent Strategic Framework and Options Assessment report is being finalised, following review by Council and TfNSW.

Council officers have previously discussed with Health NSW the option of a link through the Health Infrastructure Precinct. A series of possible options through the Health Infrastructure Precinct have been developed to help facilitate future discussions in agreeing an acceptable proposal. Further engagement with stakeholders, such as UNSW, will take place during design development in the next stages of the project. Community consultation will be carried out once the concept design has been prepared.

Council is currently working towards procurement of a suitable consultant to deliver the remaining design stages of the project, taking the preferred route from concept design through to detailed design.

Discussion

Mr Chilcott enquired about the status of the design and if the current work could be shared with the Committee. Mr Lehmann advised that this request will be investigated.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC21/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements Project (PROJ/11096/2024/4)

Council was successful in securing funding from the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for detailed design of permanent, physically separated, walking and cycling improvements along Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street, Kensington.

Accordingly, the Council appointed a consultant to deliver the detailed design and construction ready documentation for the project. Work on Strategic Framework should soon be completed with the Concept Design commencing shortly after. Surveys to help inform the design (including land, traffic and parking surveys) have commenced.



Extract of public transport and key destination figure from the draft Strategic Framework report

Discussion

Mr Lehmann provided an update on the project.

Ms Poon advised that the City of Sydney are developing connections to their cycle network which will facilitate increased cyclists seeking to use Todman and highlighted the need for this project to provide safer bicycle facilities.

Cr Veitch enquired whether the Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street sections can be treated as separate projects. Mr Lehmann advised that the contract with the consultant has been seen set up as separable portions so that Todman Avenue can be delivered independent of Lenthall Street.

Cr Magner noted that the enormous potential for this project to improve links between the City of Sydney and UNSW and highlighted the importance of collaborating with the City of Sydney. Mr Lehmann confirmed that Randwick Council regularly communicate with our neighbouring councils on cycling matters.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

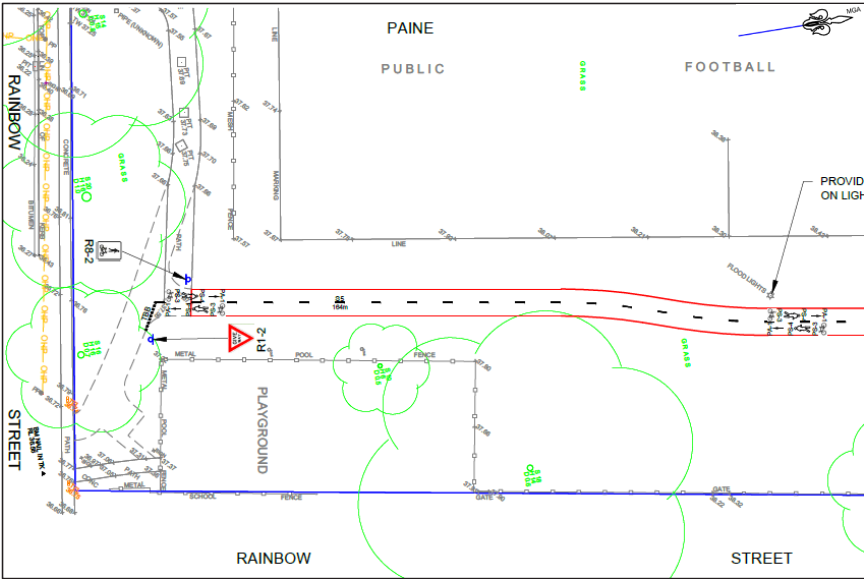
BAC22/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Paine Reserve North-South Shared Path (F2022/00231)

The proposed Paine Reserve north-south shared path will connect with the existing east-west shared path along the southern edge of Paine Reserve. Once completed this path will improve the walking and cycling facilities from Rainbow Street to Fennelly Street and it will provide an integral link in Council's proposed longer north / south cycle route.

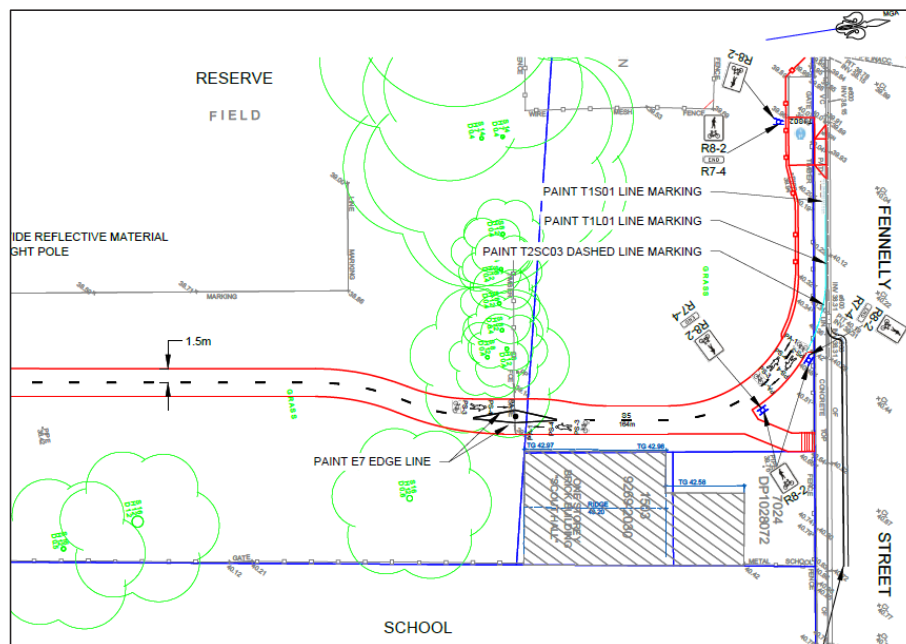
Council officers were successful with their submission under the 2024/25 Get NSW Active Program for funding to construct the Paine Reserve north-south shared path. The licence for access over the land subject to Native Title requirements had to be negotiated to allow Council the rights to construct and maintain a path within the land subject to Native Title requirements.

The detailed design of the Paine Reserve north-south shared path was amended to include the additional footpath extension on Fennelly Street. The detailed design of the project shown in the figures below were considered at the October 2024 Traffic Committee meeting. Since the meeting, the Council has furthered the design following liaison with Transport for NSW.

The stakeholders and community consultation for the design will be undertaken in November 2024 and construction will commence in early 2025, with the aim of having construction completed by the start of the school year in January 2025.



Detailed Design – South



Detailed Design – North

Discussion

Mr Lehmann provided an update on the project, including the design change from a 3m wide shared path to a 4m wide shared path.

Ms Poon noted the efforts of Ms Warton and Ms Nazaroff in driving this project

Cr Veitch enquired whether a launch event will be planned once the path is opened to celebrate the achievement. Mr Lehmann noted Council would be happy to work with the community on this.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC23/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Alison Road - length of shared path near Doncaster Avenue (F2018/00158)

Council officers continue to work with TfNSW on the lease arrangement to construct a shared path around the back of the bus shelter on the southern side of Alison Road, east of Doncaster Avenue. The land immediately behind the bus shelter is TfNSW's – not Council's.

Work continues on the detailed plans required by Transport for NSW to satisfy their lease processes.

Discussion

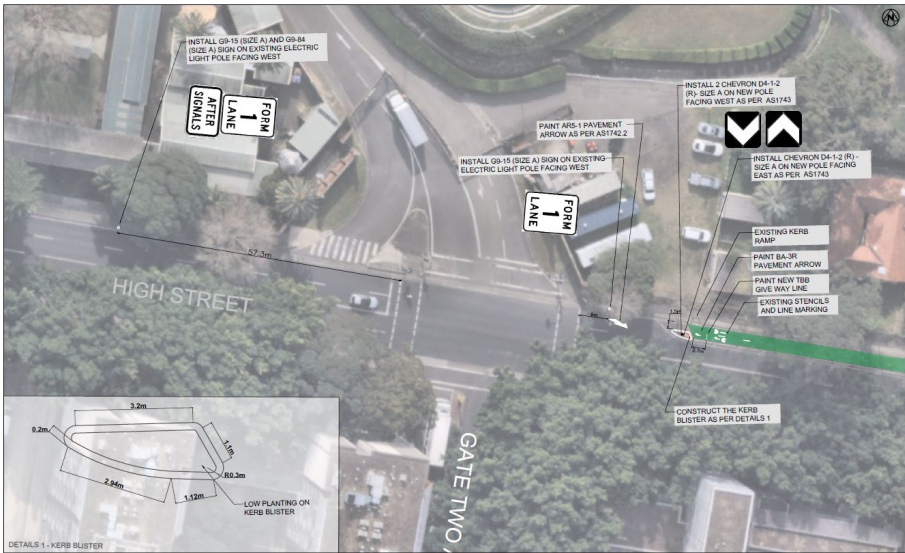
Nil.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

**BAC24/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - High Street
Cycleway (F2020/00666)**

The design of a permanent terminus on the western end of the cycleway to replace the temporary water barrier was reported upon at the October 2024 Traffic Committee and approved with no objections. The figure below shows the submitted design.



High Street Kerb Blister and Associated Line Marking and Signs – Full Concept Design

The construction is scheduled to be undertaken by March 2025.

Discussion

Nil.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC25/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Darley Road / Govett Street Gates (F2004/07233)

Council officers have been in discussions with Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) regarding the permanent closure of the Parkes Drive gate at Darley Road and Govett Street. This gate closure would facilitate unrestricted access for pedestrians and cyclists while effectively restricting vehicular movements. By implementing this measure, substantial safety enhancements would be expected in addressing road safety concerns regarding pedestrians and bike riders crossing the road..

In order to assist with any potential gate closure, Council investigated carrying out traffic surveys and traffic modelling to understand the possible impact to the Randwick Gates at Centennial Park.

Council has commenced liaison with GSP regarding the progression of the proposed traffic modelling.

Council submitted a proposal for a raised pedestrian crossing to replace the existing refuge on Darley Road under the 2024-25 Road Safety Program. However, this application was not successful.

Discussion

Mr Chilcott enquired what the status of this project was, noting the recent unsuccessful funding application and the long history at this site. Mr Lehmann advised Council continues to investigate options for the permanent gate closure and designs to improve the pedestrian refuge.

Cr Magner and Ms Poon noted they both support improvements to this pedestrian refuge.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC26/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Bicycle Parking (F2011/00193)

Randwick City Council continued to install bike racks in 2023 / 2024 in line with the Integrated Transport Strategy strategic approach no.1.8 – “Provide 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2027”.

In 2024, there were new bike racks installed and bike racks replaced in the La Perouse area to better service the popular destination.

Also, as part of the urban design and open space improvements, additional bicycle racks were installed at Ella Reserve playground, Waratah Avenue Plaza and Fitzpatrick Park.



Anzac Parade – La Perouse Museum entrance



Endeavour Avenue – Frenchmans Bay Reserve



Anzac Parade – The Boatshed La Perouse frontage



Anzac Parade – The Boatshed La Perouse frontage



Waratah Avenue Plaza



Fitzpatrick park playground

Additional bicycle parking was also installed with the upgrade at Ella Reserve playground.

Officers are currently exploring the options to introduce additional bike racks at 'The Spot', Coogee beach and Maroubra beach. Council officers also continue to work through the requests for additional bicycle parking.

Discussion

Nil.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

BAC27/24 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Reports - Proposed Committee Meeting Dates 2025 (F2018/00158)

The 2025 Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meeting dates will be established and confirmed following the Council's formalisation of proposed Council Meeting dates. This will occur at the upcoming November 2024 Council Meeting.

Discussion

Mr Lehmann advised that Council will nominate the 2025 Ordinary Council meeting dates at the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting. The CABFAC dates will then be aligned to improve the timely reporting of CABFAC minutes. Future proposed dates will subsequently be provided to

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Committee members. Members will also be asked for their preferences for morning or evening meetings.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7. General Business

1/24 General Business - Parking of cargo bikes (F2006/00723)

Discussion

Ms Poon reported that BIKEast have heard that residents with cargo bikes are having difficulties finding suitable parking locations and asked that Council provide better parking facilities.

Recommendation

That Council Officers investigate this request and provide an update at the next CABFAC meeting.

2/24 General Business - Fund raising

Discussion

Ms Poon noted that BIKEast and Safe Streets to School have raised \$1,500 in funding to support the installation of bike facilities on-site at local schools.

Recommendation

That this information be received.

3/24 General Business - Kensington West Kingsford 40km/h zone

Discussion

Cr Veitch asked whether there are any updates on the proposed 40km/h speed zone in the Kensington West Kingsford area. Mr Lehmann noted that a Council report is proposed to be presented at the November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting which recommends implementing a 40km/h speed zone, and traffic control devices, in this area.

Recommendation

That this information be received.

The meeting closed at 8.48am.

This is page 16 of the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 November 2024

CS53/24

Director City Services Report No. CS54/24

Subject: Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter project - Outcomes of Stage 2 Community Consultation

Executive Summary





- Stage 2 community consultation on the two design options; “refurbishment” and a “new building” was held between July and August 2024, with the community invited to comment on the different components of both options and their overall preference for an approach.
- There were 510 surveys completed, and an additional ten direct submissions received from the community. Three pop up information sessions were held at the site, attracting 115 visitors.
- When considering the building options in their entirety, the survey results showed more people in favour of a new building for the site. Many of the comments touched on the desired character of Coogee. Some wished to maintain the look and feel of the existing building, while more wanted a new, updated building to serve Coogee well into the future.
- Due to community support for a new building, it is recommended to Council that this approach be adopted for the project. Valuable feedback received from the community on aspects of the new building’s concept design will be considered and incorporated where appropriate during the next stage of design development.

Recommendation

That Council endorse:

- a) the concept design for a new building for the Coogee Beach Amenities to proceed to planning approval and documentation of the works for tender; and
- b) the funding strategy for the future redevelopment of Coogee Beach Amenities.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Community Consultation Report for Arden Street Amenities upgrade
2.  Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Stop Building: Stage 2
 General consultation themes and responses
3.  Coogee Beach Amenities - Final Concept Design


Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on the 28 November 2023, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Burst/D'Souza) that:

- Council notes the concept design for alterations and additions to the existing Coogee Beach Amenities and the concept design for a new Coogee Beach Amenities, along with the associated cost projections for both options;
- Council endorses both options to proceed to community consultation; and
- the results of the community consultation be reported back to Council for consideration.

This report informs Council on the Stage 2 community consultation outcomes for the concept design options developed for the Coogee Beach Amenities upgrade. It outlines the consultation activities and results, considers the themes raised in the community responses, and outlines next steps for the project.

Discussion

Background

The Coogee Amenities, Bus Shelter and Kiosk building is in Goldstein Reserve at Coogee Beach. The site is 199 Arden Street Coogee NSW 2034, or Lot 7314 of DP 1166721, and is part of the larger lot known as 175-249R Arden Street Coogee NSW 2034, or Goldstein Reserve (Reserve R82505).



Figure 01 – Aerial view. Source: RCC Spatial Systems

Stage 1 - Community Consultation

Council first undertook initial consultation about the site in May - June 2022, with the outcomes reported to Council in November 2022. This Stage 1 consultation sought to better understand community attitudes to the site and assist in shaping the project direction by:

- Obtaining feedback from the community using their local knowledge and experience of the area to help inform Council's planning and decision making.
- Determining the needs and expectations of the local community.
- Determining the current capacity of the existing buildings in meeting community needs and expectations.

The Stage 1 Community consultation outcomes were reported to the 22 November 2022 Ordinary Council meeting (CS56/22 Coogee Beach Amenities – Outcomes of Community Consultation). Most participants were of the view that:

- the existing amenities, bus shelter and café/kiosk did not meet the community's needs.
- the existing buildings and the quality did not meet the community's needs.
- the café/ kiosk is highly utilized by the community, and
- more toilets were needed to cater for public demand.

In response to community comments regarding retaining the “heritage” and “Village feel” of the existing building, and a desire to retain its current footprint, the resolution from Ordinary Council was as follows:

RESOLUTION: (Olive/Veitch) that Council:

- (a) undertake a feasibility costing of refurbishment of the Coogee Beach Amenities; and
- (b) proceed to the design stage for refurbishment of the Coogee Beach Amenities, conditional on (a) being less than \$8,900,000 (excluding GST and cost of escalation).

Concept Design Options

In line with the endorsement of Council to proceed with the project, Sam Crawford Architects were engaged through a competitive procurement process to develop a concept design for a refurbishment of the existing building. In addition, an alternative new build option for the upgrade was concurrently developed and costed to ensure best value for money was explored and understood.

Council considered the refurbishment and a new build concept design options at its 28 November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting (CS54/23 Coogee Beach Amenities – Concept Design Options), including comparative anticipated costs:

Option A: Refurbish existing (ex. GST)			Option B: New Building (ex GST)	
Construction total (inc. 15% contingency and escalation to mid-2027)		\$3,620,000	Construction total (inc. 15% contingency and escalation to mid-2027)	\$6,380,000
Allowances: latent conditions, technological infrastructure, authority fees and charges		\$370,000	Allowances: latent conditions, technological infrastructure, authority fees and charges	\$370,000
CONSTRUCTION STAGE TOTAL		\$3,990,000	CONSTRUCTION STAGE TOTAL	\$6,750,000

Stage 2 - Community Consultation activities

Following the November 2023 resolution as outline in the “Purpose” of this report, the two concept designs – refurbishment and new building – proceeded to community consultation. This Stage 2 consultation was held from 17 July 2024 to 28 August 2024, a period of 42 days. Three (3) on-site pop-up sessions were held during the consultation period allowing a range of opportunities for the public to engage. These were held on:

- 3-5pm Wednesday 31 July,
- 9-11am Saturday 3 August,
- 9-11am Thursday 8 August.

Community engagement activities included:

- A dedicated consultation website to view the plan and design details for the two options
- Online survey
- A1 Posters on site
- A5 Flyer mailbox drop to all households in Coogee and South Coogee
- Meet with Council officers and the project architect at three on-site pop-up sessions
- Email to Your Say subscribers.
- Randwick News (weekly email)
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Presentation to the Coogee Precinct on 19 August by project officers
- Councillor notification
- Phone calls and/or emails to key user groups and stakeholders.

Copies of the community information material are contained within Attachment 1 *Community Consultation Report: Arden Street Amenities Upgrade*.

Community consultation engagement

During the Stage 2 consultation period, there were:

- 3307 visits to the Your Say Randwick website
- 1710 views of the plans and artist impressions for the refurbishment option
- 2080 views of the plans and artist impression for the new building option

A total of 510 submissions were received via the Your Say Randwick website, and a further ten submissions were submitted via direct email. Duplicated submissions via different channels were only considered once in the data, and multiple submissions from the same person were collated into one.

Of the 510 submissions received from the community:

- 70% of respondents live in Coogee / South Coogee.
- The most popular reason for visiting Coogee is to use the beach and ocean pools (96%) and to eat at cafes and restaurants (94%).
- 91% of respondents have used the kiosk and 90% have used the bus stop.
- 54% of respondents have used the female toilets.
- 46% of respondents have used the male toilets.
- 7% of respondents have used the accessible toilet.

A full record of the submissions is at Attachment 1 *Community Consultation Report: Arden Street Amenities Upgrade*.

Options Description

The consultation material included a description of both options developed for community comment, provided below.

Option 1 – Refurbishment

The refurbishment option involves renovating the buildings and maintaining the existing visual style.

- *upgraded building retaining the same exterior appearance to match other buildings in the reserve dating from the 1980s and early 1990s*
- *similar footprint*
- *enhanced interior facilities*
- *more female toilets*
- *retention of separate wash basin areas*
- *bus stop seating area on Arden Street almost doubled in size*
- *construction cost estimate \$4M*

Option 2 – New build

- *The new build option proposes demolishing the existing structures and constructing a new, modern building that blends with the surrounding environment and maximises its orientation towards the park and beach.*
- *new building design inspired by the Coogee coastline with a curved concrete roof connecting the building's three sections*
- *more female and male toilets*
- *communal washbasin*
- *lower long term maintenance costs due to more robust materials*
- *extended paving for café seating*
- *storage area for Council and Surf Club all-terrain vehicles*
- *construction cost estimate \$6.75M*

Community Consultation results**Overall building preference**

Survey participants were led through a series of questions requiring each of the building elements to be rated. At the end of the survey, respondents were also asked to rate each of the buildings to determine their preference for the project. The survey asked:

- *How satisfied are you overall with the Refurbishment concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT:

- 42% submissions supported the proposal, by giving it a rating between 8 and 10,
- 37% submissions were unsure or neutral, by giving it a rating between 4 and 7,
- 21% did not support the proposal and gave it a rating between 1 and 3.

- *How satisfied are you overall with New build concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT:

- 60% submissions supported the proposal, by giving it a rating between 8 and 10,
- 14% submissions were unsure or neutral, by giving it a rating between 4 and 7,
- 26% did not support the proposal and gave it a rating between 1 and 3.

- *Do you have any other comments?*

Of the 510 respondents participating in the survey, most respondents supported a new building for the site (60%), compared with 42% who supported a refurbishment. Around one quarter of participants did not support a new building option (26%).

Overall, respondents appeared to have stronger views on the new building – both for and against – with only 14% of respondents being unsure or neutral. A significantly higher proportion of respondents (37%) were unsure or neutral about refurbishing the existing building.

These diverging views were reflected in contrasting comments such as:

'A new building is unnecessary and expensive. The current building is traditional beach daggy, and I like it that way. Fix toilets...but leave it as it is.'

'Coogee needs this update, the refurbished design is not a great piece of architecture, the rebuild will really lift the area making it much more inclusive and open.'

Some of the themes that emerged regarding the overall design are summarised in Attachment 2 *Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Stop Building: Stage 2 General consultation themes and responses*. A full list of verbatim responses is found in Attachment 1.

Satisfaction with each building element

Prior to rating each building option, respondents were first led through a series of questions on each of the individual design elements of the two schemes. This process allowed the respondents to consider each element in turn and provide specific and valuable feedback in their responses.

Participants were asked to rate their satisfaction with each design element. These results are compared below, noting that storage and a communal wash basin feature only in the new building. Satisfaction is recorded by a survey score of 8, 9 or 10.

	Refurbishment option satisfaction	New Building option satisfaction
Toilet facilities	68%	74%
Communal wash basin	-	67%
Bus stop seating	69%	60%
Kiosk	40%	65%
Storage	-	46%

Consultation themes

Feedback on toilets

The survey asked the following questions about the toilet facilities in the two designs:

- *How satisfied are you with the number of toilets being provided by the Refurbishment concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 68% Satisfied, 21% Neutral, 11% Dissatisfied

- *How satisfied are you with the number of toilets being provided by the new build concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 74% Satisfied, 13% Neutral, 13% Dissatisfied

- *How satisfied are you with communal washbasins in the new build design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 67% Satisfied, 16% Neutral, 16% Dissatisfied

- *Do you have any comments regarding the toilet facilities featured in the two concept designs?*

Themes included concerns around safety and cleanliness, as well as requests for additional features or alternatives. Some comments addressed the removal of the existing shower and change cubicles in the proposed facility.

Some of the themes that emerged regarding the toilets are summarised in Attachment 2 *Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Stop Building: Stage 2 General consultation themes and responses*. A full list of verbatim responses is found in Attachment 1.

Feedback on bus stop

The survey asked the following questions about the bus stop seating in the two designs:

- *How satisfied are you with the amount of bus stop seating being provided by the Refurbishment design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 69% Satisfied, 22% Neutral, 9% Dissatisfied

- *How satisfied are you with the amount of bus stop seating being provided by the New Build design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 60% Satisfied, 23% Neutral, 16% Dissatisfied

- *Do you have any comments on the bus stops shown in the concept plans?*

Both schemes provided a longer bus stop zone than existing conditions. The new building included an additional 5.4m of bus stop zone (15m total) as compared to an additional 9m in the refurbishment option (18.6m total). The new building option scored a satisfaction level of 60%, lower than the 69% score for the refurbishment option, possibly due to the shorter length provided.

Only the length of the zone facing Arden Street was quantified in the consultation, however both schemes provide additional undercover seating facing the beach.

See further detail in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

New build bus stop concept



Figure 02 – Illustration of bus stop zone for the new building concept.

Feedback on the kiosk/café

The survey asked the following questions about the kiosk/café in the two designs:

- *How satisfied are you with the kiosk/café outdoor seating for the Refurbishment concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 40% Satisfied, 37% Neutral, 23% Dissatisfied

- *How satisfied are you with the kiosk/café outdoor seating for the new build concept design? (1 is 'very dissatisfied' and 10 is 'very satisfied')*

RESULT: 65% Satisfied, 17% Neutral, 18% Dissatisfied

- *Do you have any comments about the Kiosk/café?*

It was clear from the comments received that the existing kiosk / café was a key aspect of the facility. General themes included requests for improved seating that also maintained the degree of flexibility as currently enjoyed, as well as comments regarding weather protection and aspect.

These themes are addressed in Attachment 2 *Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Stop Building: Stage 2 Consultation themes and responses*, with the full list of verbatim responses in Attachment 1.

Feedback on the Storage

The survey asked the following questions about the storage proposal in the new building:

- *How supportive are you of the storage proposal? (1 is 'very unsupportive' and 10 is 'very supportive')*

RESULT: 46% Satisfied, 20% Neutral, 34% Dissatisfied

- *Do you have any comments about the storage proposal?*

Only the new building proposed additional storage for use by Council and Coogee Surf Life Saving Club operations. The storage is located on the north-east corner of the building, within Goldstein Reserve, which was considered inappropriate due to its prime north-east facing location and over concerns it could pose an element of risk to pedestrians. Although not receiving majority support from participants – 46% were supportive – there were less participants that expressed clear dissatisfaction (34%).

Feedback in support of the storage centered on the need for additional area to support surf lifesaving club operations. Those against the proposal felt it encroached on sight lines, intruded disruptively into the Reserve, that vehicle movements would damage the grass, and that the surf lifesaving club had the use of other facilities nearby. A location close to the northern carpark was also flagged by some as a potential alternative location for storage for Council to consider.

Proposed Plan Amendment

On balance and considering the important resource it will provide to the community and to council operations within this busy area, it is recommended that storage be included. However, following community feedback, further consideration has been given to resolve its impacts on Goldstein Reserve and to limit its potential for pedestrian-vehicular conflict. The proposed amendment to the plan is below.

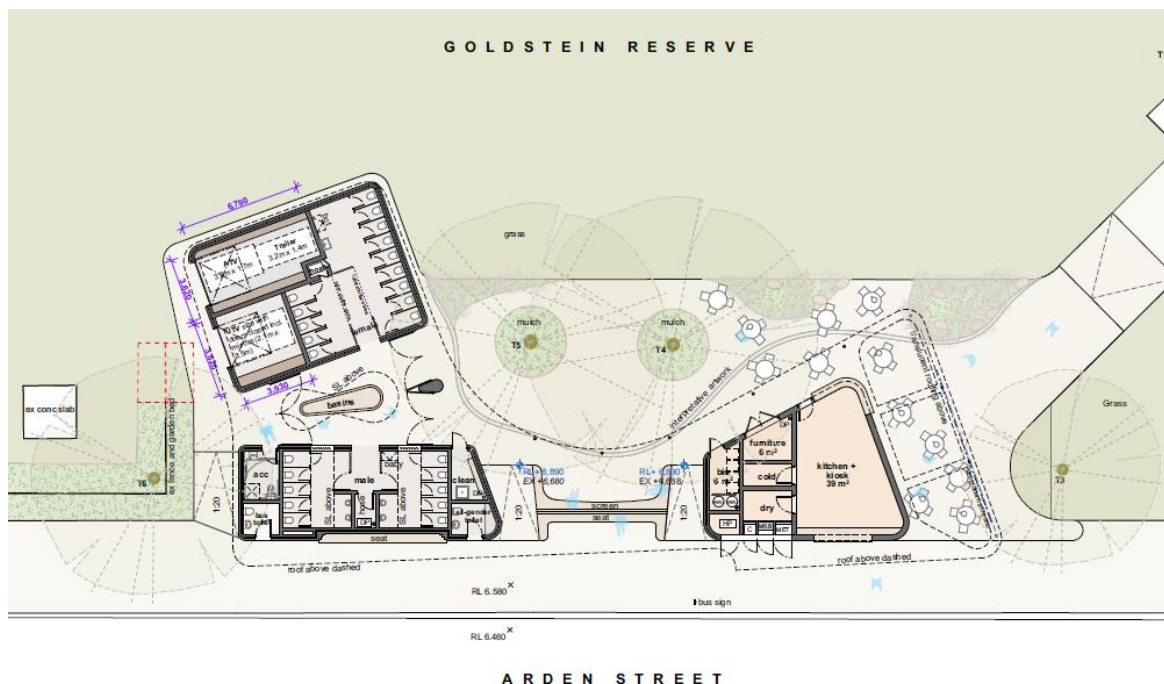


Figure 03 – Propose concept design of NEW BUILD option.

The vehicles movement will now be diverted to the side of the building with pavement and direct to the pedestrian pathway and the road. Further landscape design shall be developed to smoothen the edge of building and Golden Reserve.

Sustainability

The new building will feature the following environmental measures:

- Natural lighting and ventilation to be maximised
- Energy efficient LED lighting with motion and daylight sensors.
- Energy efficient heat pump hot water system for kiosk operations
- Construction materials with high recycled content and thermal performance
- Monitoring of energy usage
- Support for active and public transport with bike racks, real time bus tracking and water bottle refill station.

In addition, the new asset will use robust, coast-appropriate materials, and have a design life of 60 years to allow its use well into the future.

Current Site Kiosk Lease

Council should be aware that a new lease is currently being negotiated onsite with the current tenant. Provisions exist within the lease by way of a “demolition clause” should notice be given that Council is due to commence works onsite. At that point the lease will be terminated.

Following completion of a new facility Council will publicly advertise the new lease for the new facility.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Open Space and Recreation
Outcome	A community that is healthy and active
Objective	Maintain a community satisfaction* rating for coastal open spaces, coastal walkway, playgrounds and parks of 97%
Delivery program commitment	Upgrade amenity blocks along the coastline prioritising high use destinations and deliver amenities block at Malabar Ocean Pool, to increase amenity and cater for increased demand.
Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Infrastructure Services
Function	Asset construction
Delivery program commitment	Construct new public assets and infrastructure.

Risks

Due to the extremity of the coastal conditions, care will need to be taken with the selection of building materials to ensure that the design life of 60 years can be met and exceeded.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The project budget and expenditure of the project is summarized in the table below:

Budget allocation	Allocation amount
2021-2022 Capital works Program	\$500,000
2022-2023 Capital works Program	\$0
2023-2024 Capital Works Program	\$1,000,000
2024-2025 Capital Works Program	\$1,000,000
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$2,500,000

A total of around \$150,000 has been expended against the project to date.

The proposed funding strategy below is recommended to Council for inclusion in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and future Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works Program.

Year	Budget allocation	Budget Allocation	Rolling Total	Budget Status
0	2021-2022	\$500,000	\$500,000	Allocated
1	2022-2023	\$0	\$0	Allocated
2	2023-2024	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	Allocated
3	2024-2025	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000	Allocated
4	2025-2026	\$1,500,000	\$4,000,000	<i>Proposed</i>
5	2026-2027	\$1,500,000	\$5,500,000	<i>Proposed</i>
6	2027-2028	\$1,250,000	\$6,750,000	<i>Proposed</i>

Policy and legislative requirements

The land is Crown land, owned by NSW Department of Land – Crown Land Division. Care, control, and management is the responsibility of Randwick City Council, appointed under the NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016 as Crown Land Manager of the Reserve.

Due regard will be given to the relevant planning instruments in the design of the new facility, including:

- Relevant SEPPs
- Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
- Relevant DCPs
- Coogee Beach Foreshore Plan of Management (and any updates)
- Randwick City Council Beach and Coastal Reserves Generic Plan of Management
- Coogee Bay Flood Study.

Conclusion

The proposed new building for the Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter is a robust and thoughtful response to the needs of this prominent location.

The feedback garnered through the two stages of consultation has helped to shape the outcomes and will continue to do so in design development stage. In particular, the re-orientation of the storage facility improves the proposal, and feedback on particulars regarding landscaping and the detailed design of the amenities will improve the outcomes for the community.

As the new building is supported by the majority of the community who participated in the survey, it is recommend that this approach be granted the endorsement of Council to proceed to planning approval and to documentation of the upgrade works for tender.

Responsible officer: Cindy Lam, Planning Project Manager

File Reference: PROJ/10199/2021/4

Coogee Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter Building: Stage 2 Consultation themes and responses

Background

Randwick City Council is planning the renewal of the existing Coogee Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter building on Arden Street in Coogee. The community was invited to comment on two alternative proposals for the site – the refurbishment of the existing buildings, and a new replacement building.

The community consultation was held between July and August 2024. Survey participants were led through a series of questions on each of the individual design elements of the two schemes. This process allowed the respondents to consider each element in turn and provide specific and valuable feedback in their responses.

At the end of the survey, respondents were also asked to rate each of the buildings to determine their overall preference for the project.

Consultation themes and responses

The tables in this report capture general feedback from the community about the proposals. They are not intended to address each comment received in turn but seek to capture and address general themes arising. General comments indicating overall preference have not been included, nor have comments pertaining only to the refurbishment option as this option was not favoured by the majority of survey participants.

Verbatim comments from all survey participants are provided in the accompanying Community Consultation Report.

Tables 2 – 5 contain specific feedback on each element of the new building concept design. This feedback has been considered and will be incorporated where appropriate during design development stage as indicated in the 'Proposal Modified / Feature Included' column, and in the associated item comments.

Some comments were received on other aspects of Coogee or Council operations but did not relate directly to the project. These comments are captured in the verbatim responses and will be passed on to the relevant Council officers.

Table 1: Overall building and project general comments

No.	Issue	Comments
General comments about the process or project		
1.	The cost estimates are too high.	Cost estimates for the planning and construction of the building have been prepared by a Quantity Surveying firm. The cost estimates consider a range of factors including investigation and documentation costs, current market rates, associated infrastructure requirements and authorities' fees, and projected market escalation. Robust materials appropriate to the coastal location and public usage have also been factored in.
2.	The project isn't needed.	Stage 1 community consultation results found strong support for the project: 68% of participants felt the existing amenities, bus shelter and café/kiosk did not meet the community's needs.

No.	Issue	Comments
		<p>79% of participants felt the existing buildings and the quality did not meet the community's needs;</p> <p>73% participants agreed that more toilets were needed to cater for public demand.</p>
3.	The survey is biased towards the new building option as the features of the two options are not consistent.	<p>The two choices developed for the community to consider represented two different approaches. The refurbishment option works generally within the footprint, existing structure and building envelope to maintain its scale and features as much as possible.</p> <p>Of the features in the new building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A communal basin in the refurbished option presents challenges to achieve nighttime security. The new building allows this to be gated at night. - If Council opts to proceed with the refurbishment, extended café seating could be provided to the beach side of the building with increased paving area. - Provision of similar storage areas would see a substantial increase to the building footprint and changes to its structure.
4.	Lots of natural ventilation and natural light is required	<p>The new building design features extensive skylights over the internal spaces, translucent roofing over the outdoor café seating and high level 'hit-and-miss' brickwork for ventilation.</p> <p>The refurbishment is somewhat limited by existing conditions (roof height and configuration), however light and ventilation could potentially be improved if Council wishes to proceed with this option.</p>
5.	The stormwater drainage is currently problematic and needs to be addressed	Stormwater renewal and improvement will be included in the project scope to address existing shortfalls. The new building provides the opportunity to raise existing floor levels to comprehensively address this issue.
6.	The grass is being ruined by Council maintenance vehicles / sufficient paths around all edges of buildings should be provided / include more greenery and landscaping.	Design of the building apron will consider operational requirements in and around the facility to minimise their impact. Landscaping to the environs will form part of the scope.
7.	Strong and robust materials are required for the coastal setting and high traffic environment.	Materials appropriate for the coastal environment will be used throughout.
8.	All areas need to be accessible	The building will meet current standards and expectations for equality of access throughout.
9.	Plans need to cater for events	Infrastructure improvements will support peak events such as Coogee Sparkles, however large events will always require equipment to be brought to site. This is preferable to the greater footprint required in providing additional storage for this purpose, and associated impacts on Goldstein Reserve.

No.	Issue	Comments
General comments about Option 1 Refurbishment concept design		
10.	The old buildings are iconic, its preferable to retain the historical buildings / character of Coogee Beach precinct	<p>The look and feel of the existing facility are valued by a portion of the community. All three building blocks were built in the late 1980s / early 1990s replicating an older style but do not contain any original heritage fabric.</p> <p>The character of Coogee is valued and understands that it is important to many in our community. As the design develops, connection to the Coogee local character and cultural heritage will be explored further.</p> <p>Council valued the contribution from the community on the survey and is committed to finding ways to interpret these social and urban characteristics but in a more conceptual / contemporary way of representation. Council would continuous to keep working collaboratively with the Architects and consultants in order to provide a design to express the character of Coogee Beach.</p>
11.	Preference is for a smaller footprint with less impact on Goldstein Reserve	<p>The refurbishment is largely restricted to the existing footprint. As a result of this limitation, it provides fewer toilets, and a smaller kiosk and kitchen.</p> <p>The new building proposes a footprint that is 185 m² larger than existing conditions to accommodate the additional facilities.</p>
12.	Maintenance costs will be higher with the refurbishment option / the refurbishment will save money.	The refurbishment option has a lower capital cost but is expected to have higher maintenance costs due to the inherent differences in lightweight materials versus the masonry new building proposal.
13.	The refurbishment is a more sustainable approach	<p>Due to the less robust materials involved with the existing building and its refurbishment, it is anticipated that a longer life can be achieved with a new building in this coastal location.</p> <p>A new building also allows the ability to design in sustainable features more readily – such as natural light and ventilation, energy efficient infrastructure, and the potential for materials with recycled content and materials that can be reused at their end of life.</p>
General comments Option 2 New Building concept design		
14.	The new design is bland/mundane/needs softening	The palette of the proposed new building employs colours, textures and materials appropriate to its urban beach-side location. The separation of the building into three 'pods' allows views through and between the facility allowing its iconic location – rather than the building – to dominate.
15.	New design should sympathetically respond to the local context and character	The form of the new building is generated from its wider site context, with the sweep of its plan echoing the sweep of the beachfront below. The two ends of the building gesture towards the two headlands that bookend the beach and frame the views from Goldstein Reserve. Detailed design will provide further opportunities to respond to its context.
16.	The new building intrudes too far into the park and use of park area for storage is not appropriate.	Due to the added amenities and storage to the New Build, the new building is unavoidably intruded into the park. On balance and considering the important resource it will provide to the community and to council operations within this busy area, it is recommended that storage be included.

No.	Issue	Comments
		However, following community feedback, further consideration has been given to resolve its impacts on Goldstein Reserve and to limit its potential for pedestrian-vehicular conflict. The proposed amendment to the plan is in the Council report (page 8). The vehicles movement will now be diverted to the quiet side of the building with pavement and direct to the pedestrian pathway and the road. Further landscape design shall be developed to smoothen the edge of building and Golden Reserve.
17.	It's worth the additional investment / better value for money to upgrade to new and more sturdy materials and a more modern look / more efficient plan	Robust and long-lasting materials are proposed for the new building, featuring textured brickwork walls, a sculptural concrete roof, anodized aluminium battens and a scattering of glazed bricks in the walls and ground paving.
18.	The new building will provide a refresh and update to Coogee.	The majority of respondents preferred a new building to the refurbishment of the existing facility.

Table 2: General comments on the toilets and communal washbasin

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
General comments on toilets in the new building concept design			
19.	Natural light should be incorporated	Yes	High level hit-and-miss brickwork provides natural light and ventilation. There will also be extensive skylights and translucent roof sheeting over the café area.
20.	The female toilets should be closer to the Arden Street intersection	No	The entry of the female toilets will be seen obliquely from Arden Street and has the more visible entry from the bus stop frontage and café area to assist with casual surveillance.
21.	Toilets should provide for privacy, ease of cleaning and maintenance.	Yes	The facility has been designed to allow the toilets to be shut down on either side for cleaning or maintenance, without the need for the whole facility to close. Isolations valves will allow individual fittings to be repaired or replaced without impacting the whole facility.
22.	The facilities provided must have a visible cleaning program when times and dates are listed at the entrance	No	There is no cleaning program to be shown in public facilities at Randwick city council. Our cleaning program is in place to provide cleaning service in a sufficient and efficient manner. Regular cleaning will be provided.
23.	Sufficient lighting and street visibility should be provided for safety at night.	Yes	The facility will feature a high level of lighting as appropriate for public safety and passive surveillance. It features gates for afterhours shutdown of the toilets and communal basin area.

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
24.	Bus drivers should not be provided with separate facilities.	No	Up to eight buses can be queued at this location, and provision of all-hours facilities for both drivers supports public transport infrastructure in our city. However, one of the two bus driver toilet will be changed to all-gender toilet in design development stage. Updated preliminary plan for this amendment can be found at page 8 of the Council report.
General comments regarding provision or type of toilets			
25.	There should be more accessible toilets	No	There is one unisex accessible toilet, in line with other public facilities of this type. The accessible toilets are key-only entry, using the standard MLAK key. This ensures it is available for use when required.
26.	There should be more female toilets.	No	The concept design features fourteen female toilets, compared with eight in the existing facility. This improves on existing conditions without encroaching unduly on the adjacent green space.
27.	There should be gender neutral / unisex toilets	Yes	RCC acknowledge increased number of requests from the community on neutral gender / unisex toilet. To in line with the Rainbow steps at Coogee Beach, one of the two bus driver toilets will be changed to all-gender toilet in design development stage. Updated preliminary plan for this amendment can be found at page 8 of the Council report.
28.	Male and female toilets should be separated	Yes	There are separate facilities for male and female patrons.
29.	There should be parking for prams	Yes	There are generous forecourts for temporary pram parking.
30.	There should be more provision for families.	No	Catering specifically for families is not possible without an increase to the size of the building footprint. The facility meets the requirements of the building code.
31.	The toilets shouldn't be stainless steel.	No	Stainless steel pans are necessary in a high use public facility such as this one due to ease of cleaning and resistance to vandalism.
32.	More urinals / a trough urinal should be provided instead of single urinals.	No	Single urinals are a typical feature of contemporary amenities design.
General comments regarding provision of showers or change areas in the new facilities			
33.	Shower facilities should be retained, including one in the accessible toilet. Change cubicles should be provided.	No	Stage 1 consultation indicated that the shower facilities were the least used aspects of the existing building. Only 9% of respondents used the male showers regularly, and 10% for the female showers. This is not unsurprising considering the newer facilities provided in the

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
			Coogee Lower Promenade amenities building in closer proximity to the beach.
34.	Hot showers / outdoor hot showers should be provided.	No	Hot showers are not provided in public facilities in Randwick City. There are no proposed changes to the existing outdoor showers as part of this project.
General comments regarding other aspects of the toilet facility			
35.	Mirrors should be provided (not stainless-steel panels)	Yes	Mirrors will be provided.
36.	More baby changing facilities / designated family area / outdoor baby change tables should be provided.	No	Providing change facilities in both the male and female toilets provides the maximum flexibility of use and privacy without additional building footprint.
37.	Hooks and shelf in cubicles.	Yes	To be considered in design development.
38.	Provide bins in or near cubicles.	Yes	Standard sanitary bins will be provided.
General comments regarding the communal basin			
39.	Outdoor communal washbasins would have to be regularly maintained and cleaned.	Yes	Regular cleaning will be provided. The area will be closed at night to prevent vandalism and misuse.
40.	Provide at least one separate basin internally for privacy and proximity to baby change tables.	Yes	A separate basin will be included in the women's toilets adjacent to the baby change table.
41.	Wash basin to include soap and hand dryers	Yes	Soap will be provided. A suitable location for hand dryers will be considered in design development.
42.	Locate the basin away from the bus stop to reduce odor and a bottleneck of people who are waiting for the bus	Yes	The bus stop waiting area is sufficiently removed to avoid odors and to allow for queuing, while still providing a degree of surveillance of the amenities area.
43.	Request for drinking fountains / foot washing taps	Yes and No	Refilling of water bottles, by using one of the tap at the communal basin, with water filtration system, will be considered in design development. The shower facility removed from the existing building was to avoid slippery and induce ventilation problem as per stage 1 consultation result. Hence there will not be foot washing taps to align with this principle.

Table 3: General comments on the bus stop

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
General comments about the bus stop zone			
44.	There should be more bus stops / the bus stops should be moved to another street / moved further away from the building	No	The design of the bus stop infrastructure will be developed in consultation with the service operators. Moving the bus stops to an alternative location would be less convenient for where most visitors wish to travel. Moving the stops away from the building would require additional shelters to be constructed, rather than integrating these elements with the building as planned. The current location allows up to eight buses to queue.
45.	Alleviate congestion to the footpath on Arden Street for the bus zone to allow more space for pedestrians.	Yes	Widening of the footpath is not proposed, however a range of measures has been taken to alleviate congestion, including: re-orienting the café largely towards the reserve and beach; providing additional incidental bus stop seating to the tree surrounds to spread out people who are waiting.
46.	There should be screens with real time bus timetable information.	Yes	The Arden Street bus stop is one of the busiest stops in Randwick City, and 90% of respondents have used the bus stop. Provision of information screens will be considered in design development and may also help alleviate congestion in the immediate vicinity of the bus stop.
General comments on the bus stop zone design			
47.	Adequate shelter is needed from rain, wind, sun,	Yes	The new building provides a total of 15m in length of bus zone on Arden Street, all of which is under continuous cover. It also provides 9m length of undercover seating offering a variety of options – along the face of the building, between buildings facing street, around the trees, and between buildings facing the beach to provide flexibility and comfort according to weather conditions.
48.	Ocean views from the bus stop should be maintained	Yes	The bus stop seating in the new building is open to both sides. The middle screening element will be considered in design development to ensure views through to the beach are maintained.
49.	Seating that does not face the approaching buses is impractical.	Yes	A variety of options for seating has been provided to cater for length of wait, preferred orientation and weather conditions. Information screening will be explored, to be placed into zones without a direct view of coming buses. It depends on vandalism.
50.	The bus stop benches should be easy to clean.	Yes	Suitable materials will be considered in design development and selected for longevity,

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
			resistance to vandalism, and for ease of cleaning and maintenance.
51.	Provide additional seating.	Yes	Opportunities for additional seating zones will be considered in design development, such as around the Norfolk pines, and pending arborist advice on possible impact.
52.	A space for prams and wheelchairs should be provided.	Yes	To be considered in design development of the bus stop seating.
53.	Phone charging points should be provided / Telstra free public phone to be maintained	Yes	Phone charging points will be considered in design development process. For the Telstra free public phone, liaison with Telstra will be in design development stage. Intention is to provide the phone at this building for public use.

Table 4: General comments on the kiosk/café

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
General comments about the kiosk / café			
54.	A kiosk / café shouldn't be included as it takes away business from other local venues.	No	Stage 1 consultation identified that the kiosk / café is the most used facility in Goldstein Reserve, with 42% of respondents using it daily, a few times a week or weekly. Only 12% indicated that they never used it. This feature of the existing facility will be retained.
55.	The kiosk / café in the new building is too much privatization of public space.	No	The kiosk / café is an existing facility that is highly utilised and planned to be replaced in the new building.
56.	The existing leaseholder should be retained / there should be no increase in rent for the existing leaseholder	No	Randwick City Council is bound by the requirements to competitively tender for commercial leases at intervals as stipulated by the Local Government Act 1993.
General comments about the kiosk / café location or orientation			
57.	The kiosk / café shouldn't face SE due to prevailing winds. A window on the west should be provided.	Yes	The facility is oriented to the views and open space. It is not directly on Arden Street, but is visible to park and beach users, and convenient to the bus stop with servery openings on three sides. These openings will be refined in design development.
58.	The kiosk / café should face the sea views	Yes	The kiosk / café is within the Goldstein Reserve setting and the extended forecourt and will be flexible to enjoy the view.

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	Comments
59.	The kiosk / café should be separated from the road by a fence or artwork.	No	Sufficient setback from the road is provided, and a high degree of flexibility in seating location enables users to sit away from Arden Street.
60.	The kiosk / café should cater for less people as it generates rubbish.	No	Bins are provided in the vicinity. RCC waste and cleaning teams service the area several times each day.
General comments about the kiosk / café seating			
61.	The kiosk / café seating encroaches too much on public space.	No	All seating is public and can be used by anyone visiting the area. The seating is not reserved for café use only.
62.	Seating should be flexible (in location and type) and cater for large groups	Yes	Flexible seating will be provided, with a variety of options.
63.	Seating should be covered and protected from the weather	Yes	There are roof overhangs, translucent roof sheeting and drop-down screens for weather protection. These will be refined in design development.
64.	Seating should be away from the toilet facilities.	Yes	The kiosk is located at the other end of the building to the amenities and location of seating is flexible.
65.	A generous paved area should be provided as the grass gets damaged by the kiosk / café activities.	Yes	The configuration of the paved forecourt will be considered in design development.
Other General comments about the kiosk / café			
66.	Heating should be provided	Yes	The kiosk seating area will be cold shell constructed. Heating is up to the future lessee. Provision for heating shall be considered in development stage.
67.	A deck facing the ocean should be provided.	No	Seating will be within the Goldstein Reserve setting and extended forecourt and will be flexible to enjoy the view.
68.	Bike parking should be provided nearby	Yes	There is bike parking for sixteen bike racks adjacent to site at the main pedestrian crossing on Arden Street, with parking for an additional 6 bikes to the south of the crossing. Provision of additional bike parking will be considered in its wider context.
69.	Drainage problems around the facility should be fixed.	Yes	The paving will be designed to shed water away from the building and into a renewed stormwater system. The floor level of the new building will be raised slightly to assist with stormwater management.

Table 5: General comments on the storage

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	General comments
70.	The storage isn't required / Coogee Surf Life Saving Club already lots of storage and facilities in the area.	No	The storage is specifically designed to accommodate the all-terrain vehicles and trailer, to service the community and the surf club. The existing storage for the surf club was at lower part of the beach, which was always flooded and hence not being used. The surf club provided service to look after the safety of the beach, that proper storage for the vehicles to service the beach and public safety is essential.
71.	The storage is needed for the Club and for Council operations	Yes	
72.	The storage is in a prime location / too prominent / public land shouldn't be used for this.	No	<p>Alternative locations for the storage along the promenade were explored and found not feasible, either too close to commercial crowd, or area were already equipped with underground structure. These cannot be easily accommodated elsewhere.</p> <p>To accommodate the concerns for safety and protection of grass in Golden Reserve, a re-orientation of the garage access was proposed, in Council report page 8. Further development on this proposal will be in development stage to accommodate landscape and internal layout of the female toilet.</p>
73.	Storage should be provided for other community groups.	No	There is no other groups that are licensed for the beach area currently.
74.	The storage should be relocated elsewhere, such as off the carpark at the north end of the beach.	No	The storage has been reoriented to the Arden Street side to consolidate the access points and limit impact on the Reserve. Please see the proposed revised layout in the Council report page 8.
75.	The storage should be reoriented towards the street	Yes	The storage has been reoriented to the Arden Street side to consolidate the access points and limit impact on the Reserve. Please see the proposed revised layout in the Council report page 8.
76.	The storage encroaches into the reserve and takes up a lot of space / affects sightlines and events / cuts the park in half	No	The storage is specifically designed to accommodate the all-terrain vehicles and trailer, to service the community and the surf club. To try to minimize the impact to the park, it has been reoriented to the Arden Street side to consolidate the access points and limit impact on the Reserve. Please see the proposed revised layout in the Council report page 8.
77.	Vehicles coming in and out of the storage area is	Yes	The storage has been reoriented to the Arden Street side to consolidate the access points

No	Issue	Proposal modified/ Feature included	General comments
	dangerous for pedestrians and will damage the grass		and limit impact on the Reserve. Please see the proposed revised layout in the Council report page 8.
78.	Vehicles going from the storage area to the beach is dangerous.	Yes	The storage has been reoriented to the Arden Street side to consolidate the access points and limit impact on the Reserve. Please see the proposed revised layout in the Council report page 8.

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New Build Ground Floor Plan - With Trailer



New Build from Arden Street

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Director City Services Report No. CS55/24

Subject: Burrows Park Master Plan concept

Executive Summary

- Burrows Park is a much-loved sporting and passive recreational venue on the Clovelly coastline. Some of the sporting clubs who use the sportsfield at the park have identified that the current size of the field is unsuitable for older players. Children in the 13 to 18-year-old age brackets play their games at alternative locations as a result.
 - The existing amenities building dates from the 1960s and is in very poor condition. It does not meet current building standards or community expectations and does not effectively cater for the park's many visitors.
 - Following Stage 1 community consultation in May 2023, a masterplan has been developed to explore whether a larger sportsfield and updated amenities building can be accommodated on the site without undue impact. Three masterplan options were developed:
 - A. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building located on Ocean Street
 - B. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building along the northern edge of the field
 - C. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building in broadly its existing location.
- Of the three options, Option C was found to be the most favourable outcome from a range of factors and is the option that is recommended to proceed to community consultation.
- It is proposed that the project be delivered in two stages, with the new amenities building given priority, and an enlarged sportsfield to follow as a future project.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorses the masterplan to proceed to community consultation.
- b) Council notes the masterplan for Burrows Park, along with the proposed funding and staging strategy and associated cost projections.
- c) the outcomes of the community consultation on the masterplan be reported back to Council in 2025 for consideration.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Burrows Park Amenity and Sportsfield Upgrade - Proposed Masterplan

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on the 28 November 2024, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Neilson/Hamilton) that:

- a) *Council officers proceed to develop a masterplan of Burrows Park to explore its configuration with a larger sports field and upgraded amenities building, and the associated impacts;*
- b) *Council officers proceed with the development of a concept design for an amenities building upgrade to suit the existing field configuration;*
- c) *cost planning and an associated funding strategy be prepared for the two options; and*
- d) *the outcomes be reported back to Council and go out to community consultation.*

This report responds to the Council resolution from November 2023, and presents the requested Draft Masterplan to Council for consideration and adoption.

Discussion

Burrows Park

Burrows Park site and usage

Burrows Park Amenities is located at 13-33 R Ocean Street Clovelly and is on Crown Land first dedicated as a public reserve in 1895. The site is approximately 74,047m², and is bounded to the east by remnant vegetation and the ocean, to its south by the Clovelly Bay cliff top, and to its west by Ocean Street with residential single dwellings and one to four story units. A parcel of land at its north edge features the Clovelly Bowling Club, beyond which lies Waverley Cemetery.

The popular Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk linking Bondi to Coogee extends through Burrows Park, attracting large numbers of recreational walkers and joggers.

The park features:

- Sportsfield for junior rugby league and junior rugby union, currently used by:
 - Clovelly Crocodiles Junior Rugby League Football Club
 - Clovelly Eagles Junior Rugby League Football Club
 - Maccabi Rugby Club
 - Randwick Rugby Union Football Club
- Amenities building, including toilets, change rooms, referee room and storage
- Outdoor gym
- Underground stormwater harvesting system
- Dog park
- Informal walking tracks

Existing conditions

The existing sport field is smaller than the standard dimensions of a rugby league field. Some of the sporting clubs who regularly use the sport field have identified that the current size of the field is unsuitable for older players. Children in the 13 to 18-year-old age brackets play their games at alternative locations as a result.

The existing amenities building has been a feature of the site since the early 1960s and is very outdated. It does not meet current building standards or community expectations and does not effectively cater for the park's many visitors.



Figure 1: Burrows Park aerial view, with the existing amenities building seen on its ocean side.

Project objectives

The sporting facilities at Burrows Park are to be upgraded as part of Council's ongoing program for asset renewal. Funding was allocated in Randwick's Capital Works programs in 2022-23 and in 2023-24 to commence investigations and planning towards upgrades at the park.

Based on the limitations of the existing venue to support teenage players from the local sporting clubs, the project sought to explore whether the following could be accommodated on the sensitive site:

- Upgrading the existing sporting field (approximately 103.5m x 60m existing) to a standard size rugby sportsfield (116m x 68m) to better serve the sports clubs that use this facility and accommodate a full range of player ages.
- An updated amenities facility, complying to current building codes, and catering for the needs of all visitors to the park.

Project Background

Stage 1 Community Consultation

As part of planning towards these upgrades, Stage 1 Community Consultation was held in May 2023 to better understand community attitudes before commencing detailed investigations.

Council held community consultation to specifically gauge support for:

- undertaking design work to determine the feasibility, cost, and impact of extending the sportsfield to enable kids older than 13 years to play on the ground; and
- undertaking design work to upgrade the amenities building.

The Stage 1 survey found that, of the 473 participants:

- Sentiments were evenly split on whether design work should be undertaken to determine the feasibility, cost and impact of extending the sportsfield (47% supportive, 47% unsupportive, with the balance being neutral)
- The highest support for a feasibility study was amongst those who play sport at the park (62%), the lowest support was amongst those owning property nearby (35%)
- Overall support for undertaking design work to upgrade the amenities building was more favourable at 71% of respondents. This support was reasonably consistent, whether the respondent owned property nearby (67%) or whether they played sport at the park (75%)

The most common reasons survey participants gave for supporting feasibility design work for a larger sportsfield and upgraded amenities building were that a potential extension could:

- encourage participation in local sport
- create a home ground and community connection
- improve the current sportsfield.

Those against undertaking the feasibility design work raised concerns about:

- impacting parking and traffic
- impacting wildlife and vegetation
- not having equitable use by all members of the community
- impacting availability for younger players
- impacting the dog park area
- using funds that would be better allocated elsewhere

Stage 1 consultation Council resolution

Council considered the outcomes of the Stage 1 community consultation at its Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 November 2023, and resolved as follows:

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- Council officers proceed with the development of a concept design for an amenities building upgrade to suit the existing field configuration;*
- cost planning and an associated funding strategy be prepared for the two options; and*
- the outcomes be reported back to Council and go out to community consultation.*

This report responds to the November 2023 resolution.

Masterplan

Masterplan principles

Burrows Park is valued as a unique sporting venue and is well-loved by the locals and visitors that come to enjoy this spectacular part of our natural coastline. As such, the development of the site masterplan was guided by a number of principles:

- An emphasis on 'building less' in the landscape by reducing hardstand, designing an efficient amenities building footprint, and maximising green and recreation space where possible.
- Addressing the design with environment sensitivity, taking into account the site's unique history and ecology.
- A connection to Country approach, that respects and strengthens first nation principles.
- Design amenities facilities to suit the local community and sporting clubs.
- Consideration of impact to the neighboring residential properties, including views to and through the site.
- Pedestrian movement in and around the site, including accessibility.
- Consideration of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environment Design) principles for the safety and amenity of users, including security lighting, sightlines.

Constraints and opportunities

Detailed site analysis and investigations were undertaken in preparation of the masterplan, including analysis of the following:

- Pedestrian movement, vehicular access, public transport to the site.
- Existing street parking and wheelchair accessibility to site.
- Surrounding residential buildings, bowling club.
- Connection to Ocean Street and adjacent coastal walkway.
- Detailed site survey and existing services.
- Existing site topography, contours, flood levels, climate and existing site characters.
- Existing site ecology, fauna and flora, remnant bushland, existing bushland and sandstones cliff.
- View to and from the park.
- Lighting from the park to the sport field.
- Other facilities in the park including outdoor gym and dog park.
- Users and visitor to the park.

A summary of the findings is captured in Attachment 1: Burrows Park Amenities – Site Analysis and Sportsfield Masterplan.

Masterplan options

A consultant team engaged by Council officers, led by Sam Crawford Architects, developed three masterplan options to explore the larger sportsfield, along with locations for the amenities building. The team consisted of the following disciplines: architect, landscape architect, structural engineer, civil engineer, hydraulic engineer, surveyor, geotechnical engineer, traffic engineer, and ecological consultant. In line with NSW Planning guidelines for built environment projects to adopt a Country-centred approach guided by Aboriginal people, a first nations consultant formed part of the team which informed the masterplan outcomes.

The three masterplan options were:

- A. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building located on Ocean Street
- B. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building along the northern edge of the field
- C. A larger sportsfield with a new amenities building in broadly its existing location.

Of the three options, Option C was found to be the most favourable outcome from a range of factors and is the option that is recommended to proceed to community consultation.

The options are summarised below, with further information contained in Attachment 1: Burrows Park Amenities – Site Analysis and Sportsfield Masterplan.



Figure 2: Option A layout

Option A

Option A sites the new amenities building along Ocean Street, with the sportsfield moved east from its current location.

The topography of the existing site could allow the building to nestle into the landscape, reducing its visual prominence. It is also convenient to Ocean Street for users.

However, the amenities building falls within the flood zone, and extensive earthworks are associated with this option. The sportsfield lighting is also pushed further towards the remnant bushland, which may impact fauna in this sensitive ecological zone.

The amenities building activity becomes located close to residential properties which may have an acoustic impact on busy sports days. As the building is not highly visible from the street, there may also be issues with passive surveillance after hours.



Figure 3: Option B layout

Option B

Option B locates the new amenities building along the northern length of the field.

Similarly to A, the topography allows the building to recede in the landscape, in this case with the opportunity of a trafficable rooftop.

This option however is the least suitable for the sporting groups, being located on the short edge of the field and the furthest from the midline. Importantly, locating the building in this location also pushes the field south and significantly impacts the bushland scrub at its southern edge. This will result in extensive retaining walls to its southern edge, a loss of important habitat, and reduced amenity to the dog park area.



Figure 4: Option C layout

Option C – preferred option

Option C presents a solution that is closest to the existing field configuration, expanding the field slightly outwards in all four directions - a minimum distance of 2m west towards Ocean Street, and a maximum of 8m to its north. This achieves the least impact on existing conditions and minimises the required cut and fill.

From Ocean Street, seen at a distance, a sensitively designed building in this location offers the opportunity of blending into its bush backdrop and for the bushland to be extended within its vicinity. Option C is also most favourable for the local ground dwelling fauna when the sportsfield is lit at night, as the building itself casts shadows on the bushland behind.

As the preferred option, this is explored in more detail following. Refer also to Attachment 1: Burrows Park Amenities – Site Analysis and Sportsfield Masterplan.

Option C discussion

A more detailed masterplan drawing for Option C is below, showing the adjustments required to accommodate the larger field. There are two relatively small areas of low height terraced planting proposed to the north west and south east corners to accommodate existing topography.

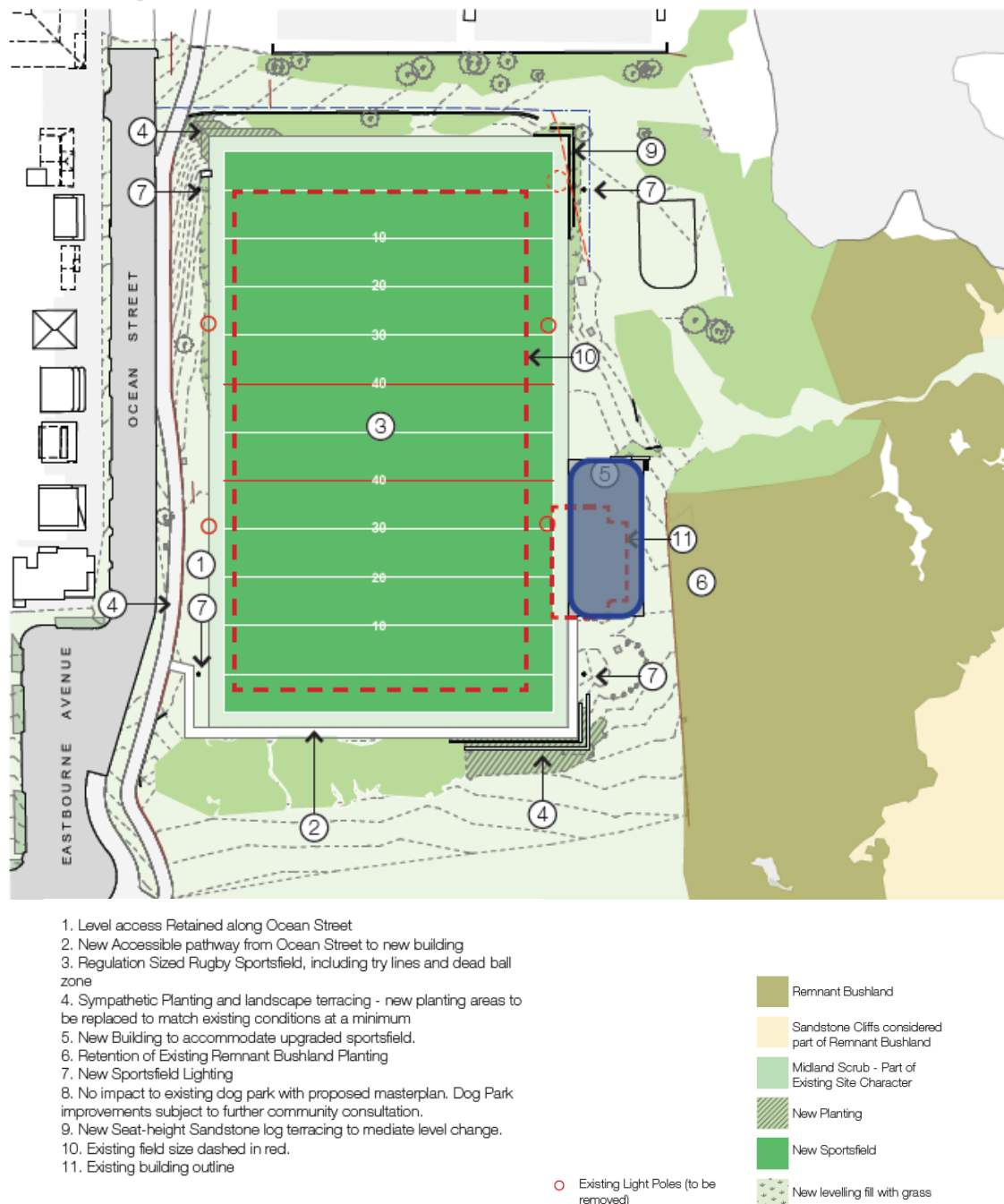


Figure 5: Proposed Masterplan

Ecological considerations

Detailed assessment by an ecological consultant was important to the master planning process due to the proximity of the remnant bushland to the east of the sportsfield and amenity site. As

noted, Option C provides a physical block to casting light into the adjoining vegetation, as well as resulting in less physical disturbance of the topography (cut and fill).

Opportunities are identified for:

- Strategic low planting to areas to the south and east of the oval that could be enhanced to reduce light spill, enhance foraging habitat and increase connections with adjoining bushland.
- Use of further smart lighting strategies to reduce the brightness of the field lighting when not in use for training or playing, and designing the lighting around the amenities building with due regard to the bushland to the east by using motion sensors and wildlife friendly lighting where possible (yellow hues rather than blue to limit impact on circadian rhythms).

View impacts

The existing building is in poor condition and is not readily adapted to current standards.

A new building in broadly the same location is proposed, being sited slightly further to the east and extended to the north. This strategy sites the building as much as possible with the existing bush as its backdrop to limit impact to ocean views. Care will be taken in developing the concept design to minimise impact on views from Ocean Street and to sensitively design the building to visually recede within its context.

The concept design for the amenities building will be developed following endorsement of the masterplan and will be subject to a separate future community consultation.



Figure 5: View of existing amenities building from Ocean Street

Traffic, Parking and Public Transport access

There is currently no off-street parking associated with the site, and providing additional parking is not envisaged as part of the project. A new accessible parking space is proposed to be provided on Ocean Street with an accessible path to the new amenities building.

Desktop reviews of aerial imagery taken on nine dates in Nearmap from 2016 - 2024 capture historic data on parking availability within a 5-minute (400 metres) walking radius of the site. This radius includes Ocean Street, Eastbourne Ave and Boundary Street, with approximately 189 car parking spaces located within its limits.

The aerial imagery showed an occupancy rate of between 40% and 91% for the available spaces, with occupancy typically lower during the winter months in which the sportsfield is primarily used.

Traffic engineering advice is that a sports game at the site is estimated to attract around 70 vehicles, a number which can be accommodated in existing conditions. The available parking spaces is 76. Recommendation from the traffic engineer assessment includes staggering game times by 15 minutes, provision of bicycle parking and reconsideration to parking management control for such as a Residential Parking Scheme and 4P restriction, would further assist in encouraging parking turnover and availability.

The site is well served by public transport, with a bus stop nearby on Ocean Street. Emergency vehicle access from Ocean Street to the new amenities will be retained.

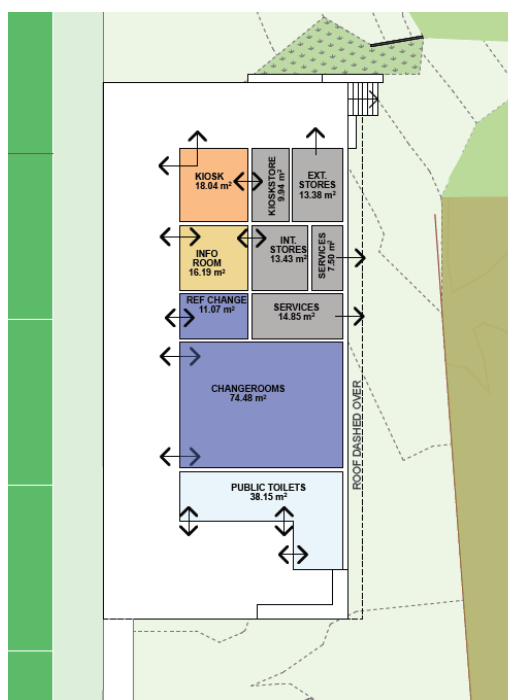


Figure 6: Proposed amenities layout

New amenities building

The new amenities building is proposed in the same approximate location as the existing structure and can accommodate both the existing field configuration and an enlarged field for the future. The footprint has achieved maximum efficiency by being designed 'in the round', with external circulation around its perimeter.

Functions which generate the most visitors and activity (e.g. kiosk, changerooms and public toilets) are concentrated on the sportsfield side of the building for good public surveillance of sensitive spaces and to minimise impact on the bushland behind. A buffer zone is established from the building to both the sportsfield and the bushland behind it.

Concept design of the amenities building will be further developed once the project direction is established by Council, and the community will be consulted.

Sustainability

The following sustainability principles will apply to the proposed masterplan and new amenities building:

- Water harvesting and reuse for field irrigation and landscaping via the existing underground tank to the south of the existing building.
- Provision of rainwater tank for WC flushing will be investigated further when developing the concept design.
- Minimal disturbance to existing topography by working largely within existing conditions.
- Smart lighting strategies for the sportsfield and building, including light levels adjusted to suit activities, motion sensors, and light selections to minimise impact on fauna.
- Location of the building to block artificial light spill to remnant bushland behind
- Enhance and extend low level planting.
- Maximise natural light and ventilation within the amenities building.
- Consideration of materials with high recycled content, and with view to end-of-life reuse.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Open Space and Recreation
Outcome	A community that is healthy and active
Objective	Maintain a community satisfaction* rating for coastal open spaces, coastal walkway, playgrounds and parks of 97%
Delivery program commitment	Optimise existing sports field layouts to increase number of fields provided and diversity of codes catered for.
Delivery program commitment	Upgrade amenity blocks along the coastline prioritising high use destinations and deliver amenities block at Malabar Ocean Pool, to increase amenity and cater for increased demand.

Risks

The masterplan response has considered the challenges of the site from a variety of viewpoints to mitigate as many of the risks as possible, such as:

- Impact of the project to the surrounding remnant bushland.
Mitigation: the environmental risks will need careful management design and construction due to the proximity to the precious remnant bushland and sensitive coastline nearby. Ecologist, arborist, landscape consultants and Council officers are consulted throughout the project stages.
- The funding is not sufficient to execute the masterplan.
Mitigation: the amenities building can be replaced independently of the works to upgrade the field, with the funding strategy allowing for a staged implementation over time to suit other capital works and Council priorities.
- Objections to the proposed masterplan.
Mitigation: careful considerations taken in developing the masterplan such impacts to the surrounding fauna and flora, view from Ocean Street, flood analysis, traffic assessment and sustainability design principles. The community and stakeholders are consulted throughout the project stages. Their feedback is to be reviewed, considered and integrated where possible.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The project is proposed to be implemented in two (2) stages. This will allow the more pressing replacement of the existing amenities building (Stage1), with the sportsfield upgrade (Stage 2) to follow in future years as funding becomes available.

Cost planning has been prepared by a Quantity Surveyor, based on the preferred Option C layout, and including escalation allowances to February 2027.

PROPOSED MASTERPLAN - COST PLAN (ex.GST)			
Stage 1 - Amenities Building		Stage 2 - Sport Field Upgrade	
Construction Cost: Includes contamination remediation, associated accessible path, street accessible parking, landscape works.	\$2,486,000	Construction cost: Includes contamination, field irrigation, associated civil and landscape works.	\$2,313,000
Contingencies	\$705,000	Contingencies	\$512,000
Fees: Consultants (for masterplan and documentation) and Authorities.	\$690,000	Fees: Consultant and Authorities.	\$299,000
Allowances: for connecting to country element, signage, FFE.	\$70,000	Allowances	\$0,000
Escalation to February 2027	\$383,000	Escalation to February 2027	\$288,000
TOTAL	\$4,334,000	TOTAL	\$3,412,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$7,746,000		

The proposed funding strategy for *Stage 1 – Building Works* below is recommended to Council for inclusion in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and future Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works Program.

Year	FY	Budget Allocation	Accumulative Total	Funding Status
0	2021 - 2022	\$250,000	\$250,000	Allocated
1	2023-2024	\$500,000	\$750,000	Allocated
2	2024-2025	\$300,000	\$1,050,000	Allocated
3	2025-2026	\$1,150,000	\$2,200,000	Proposed
4	2026-2027	\$1,100,000	\$3,300,000	Proposed
5	2027-2028	\$1,100,000	\$4,400,000	Proposed

Council should be aware that a subsequent report will be brought back to Council at a future meeting with a proposed funding strategy for Stage 2 – Field works as the design development phase progresses.

Policy and legislative requirements

The land is Crown land, owned by NSW Department of Land – Crown Land Division. Care, control, and management is the responsibility of Randwick City Council, appointed under the NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016, as Crown Land Manager of the Reserve.

Due regard needs to be given to the statutory instruments relevant to the site, and a Review of Environmental Factors will be required for the proposed development, including:

- Relevant SEPPs
- Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
- Relevant DCPs
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 Randwick City – Draft Plan of Management – For Community Land- Council Owned and crown Reserves
- Randwick City Council Beach and Coastal Reserves Generic Plan of Management
- Coogee Bay Flood Study

Conclusion

Burrows Park has been well-loved by locals and visitors alike since its establishment as a public reserve in 1895, and no doubt by the generations of traditional owners before it.

It offers a unique sporting venue, as well as a range of recreational opportunities in and around the park. Remnant bushland on the coastal fringe of the park shelters ground dwelling fauna and a variety of bird species.

The proposed masterplan explores the opportunities and constraints of the site, considering its natural context, community and sporting user requirements, the urban coastal and Country context, its topography, and access requirements. Cost implications of the proposal have also been explored.

The proposed masterplan demonstrates that an enlarged field to provide for a wider range of players at the site can be accommodated without overly significant alterations to the landscape or to the aspects of the park so loved by our community. A new amenities building can also be accommodated with little impact, and with a staged approach to allow for flexibility in delivery.

It is recommended that the masterplan be endorsed by Council to proceed to community consultation.

Responsible officer: Rainny Paterson, Project Manager Major Projects Planning

File Reference: PROJ/10328/2021/4

Director City Services Report No. CS56/24

Subject: Snape Park Indoor Sporting Facility concept design

Executive Summary

- Snape Park sits within a residential area and is classified as a District Park under the current Plan of Management. Three aging amenities buildings on the site are to be demolished to make way for one coherent facility to serve the sporting fields and passive recreation within the popular park. A new Indoor Training Facility is also proposed.
- The project is proposed to be delivered in 2 stages:
Stage 1 - A new Indoor Training Facility.
Stage 2 - Sportsfield Amenities and Public Amenities building. External Landscaping and Civil Works, including carparking.
- Council has successfully secured a grant of \$1,000,000 towards Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility from the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication, and the Arts under its *Investing in our Community* program. The grant funding requires completion of the project by December 2026.
- A concept masterplan has been developed, along with concept designs for both the Indoor Training Facility, and the Sportsfield and Public Amenities building. Due to time constraints associated with the grant funding and the ongoing negotiations with the diversion of a bore water source, the masterplan and Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility is now recommended to proceed to community consultation. Stage 2 Sportsfield and Public Amenities building, and its associated carpark will be consulted at a future date.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorses the Snape Park masterplan, along with its associated funding strategy and staging.
- b) Council endorses the Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility concept plan to proceed to community consultation.
- c) the outcomes of the Stage 1 consultation be reported back to Council for consideration.
- d) Council officers will come back seeking Council's endorsement for the community consultation for Stage 2, refurbishment of amenities building and car park, in 2026.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Snape Park Amenity and Indoor Training Facility - Proposed Concept Design

Purpose

This report presents a masterplan for Snape Park, along with concept plans for the Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility. It provides background on the project and outlines the associated funding strategy.

Discussion

Snape Park

Snape Park site and usage

Snape Park is approximately 52,208m² and is located at 15R and 15B Snape Street in Maroubra. Owned by Randwick City Council and zoned RE1 for public recreation, the park provides valuable open space recreational and sporting opportunities within its residential context.

Snape is classified as a District Park within Randwick City Council's Open Space Hierarchy, being 1-5 ha in scale, and described in the Randwick City draft Plan of Management for Community Land – Council Owned and Crown Reserves (8 Nov 2022) as:

A large or significant open space that serves more than one suburb. Can cater for a wide cross section of community interests, including both informal recreation and sporting opportunities. Generally, provides a diverse range of facilities including toilets.

There are eleven sporting groups in total that use Snape Park for summer and winter sports, of these four are key sporting stakeholders that use the grounds regularly. There are also countless recreational visitors to its playground, dog park and general parklands.

Existing park

The existing park features:

- Main sportsfield in the west of the park for cricket, rugby league and rugby union, and with cricket nets in its southwest corner.
- Three separate buildings adjacent to the main west sportsfield accommodating a canteen, toilets, change rooms and undercover seating areas.
- Secondary eastern sportsfield for cricket, rugby league and soccer practice.
- A playground at the corner of Storey and Percival Streets, in the southwest corner of the park
- An off-leash dog area in the northwest corner of park.
- Six tennis courts with a tennis club house (leased) on Snape Street, in the northeast corner.
- Underground pipelines and infrastructure pertaining to paper manufacturing company Opal.
- Formal and informal carparking accessed from Storey Street to the south of the park.

The three existing buildings serving the main sportsfield are in poor condition and do not meet current community expectations or building standards. The earliest of these dates from the 1940s, with the other two buildings dating from the early 1980s.

Project background

Project objectives

The Snape Park masterplan proposes demolishing all three buildings and replacing them with one coherent facility to serve the many visitors to the park. In line with its District Park classification, a new indoor training facility is also proposed. Two new buildings are planned in generally the same location on Storey Street to best serve existing sporting, carparking and playground infrastructure.

An existing carpark is located to the east of the buildings, however, informal carparking to the west of the buildings has also been established over time. The masterplan proposes a new formalised carpark to replace both the informal and formal arrangement.

Council has successfully secured a grant of \$1,000,000 towards Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility from the Australian Federal Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication, and the Arts under its Investing in our Community program. This grant funding requires completion of the project by December 2026.



Figure 1: Snape Park Aerial view

Council reporting

The Snape Park Amenities Redevelopment project was included in the *Our Community Our Future* program adopted by Council in 2018.

From its Ordinary Council Meeting held 25 August 2020, Council resolved:

“RESOLUTION: (Parker/Luxford)

That Council consider a funding allocation as part of the 2021-22 financial year budget to replace ageing dressing rooms, kiosk, and amenities incorporating an indoor training facility for the local sporting bodies and the community at the park.”

Council allocated funding to commence the planning and feasibility stages for this project in its 2022-23 Operational Plan.

Early site analysis and design feasibility studies showed complex existing site conditions. This is in part due to a significant underground bore water line (servicing the Botany paper manufacturer Opal) located close to the existing buildings in the park.

Having received \$1,000,000 in Federal Grant funding to complete the Indoor Training Facility component by end 2026 and noting the complexity of relocating underground services assets in the wider site, Council considered a proposal to stage the Snape Park upgrades at its Ordinary Council meeting of 26 March 2024 and resolved:

“RESOLUTION: (Parker/Chapple)

That Council:

- a) *Endorse the project being delivered in two (2) stages;*
- b) *Note a subsequent report will be brought back to Council in 2024, seeking adoption of Draft Concept Designs to proceed to community consultation; and*
- c) *Note a subsequent report will be brought back to Council in 2024, seeking adoption of renaming the Snape Park Indoor Cricket and Training Centre after Mr David Warner.”*

Project staging

In line with the March 2024 resolution, the Snape Park upgrade will be delivered in two stages:

Stage 1

- Indoor Training Facility

Stage 2

- Sportsfield Amenities
- Public Amenities
- External Landscaping and Civil Works (including carpark, underground services, and accessibility pathways)

Stakeholder consultation

Key sporting stakeholders have been involved in the project to date and were consulted on the development of the project brief in November 2022.

Endorsement of the project by the following parties contributed to successfully securing grant funding for the project on 20 June 2024:

- The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP – Federal Member for Kingsford Smith
- Maroubra Rugby League Football Club Inc.
- South Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League Limited
- Cricket NSW
- Randwick Petersham Cricket

In October 2024, project officers consulted with the following sporting stakeholders on the draft concept:

- Randwick Petersham Cricket
- Maroubra Rugby League Football Club Inc.
- South Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League Limited

The project is now in a position to be considered by the wider community.

Snape Park masterplan

Council officers engaged Sam Crawford Architects through a competitive tender process to develop a masterplan for Snape Park, including concept designs for the Indoor Training Facility, Sportsfield and Public Amenities building, carpark and landscaping.

The masterplan for Snape Park, including concept designs for both stages, can be found in Attachment 1. In line with NSW Planning guidelines for built environment projects to adopt a Country-centred approach guided by Aboriginal people, a first nations consultant formed part of the team which informed the masterplan outcomes for the project.

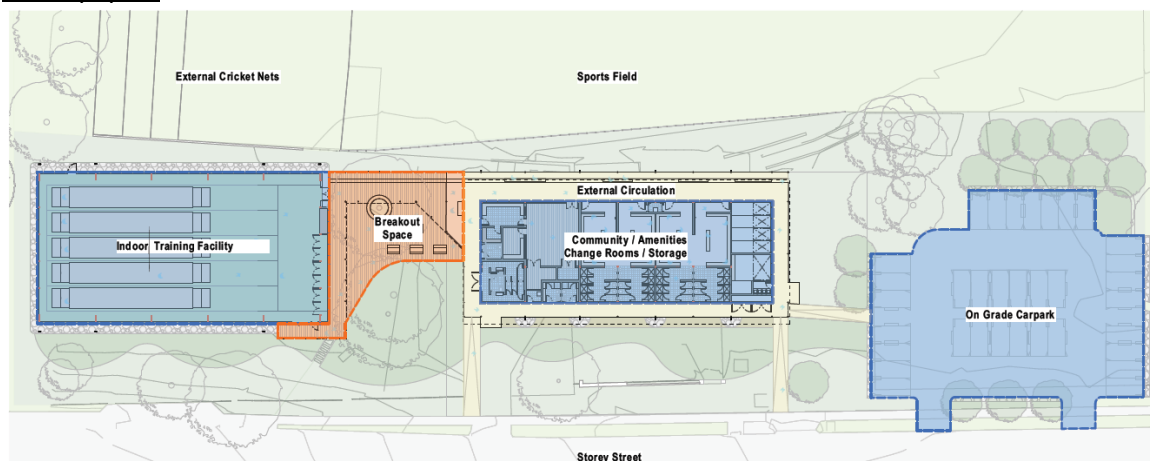
Concept plan

Figure 2: Snape Park concept masterplan

Stage 1: Indoor Training facility

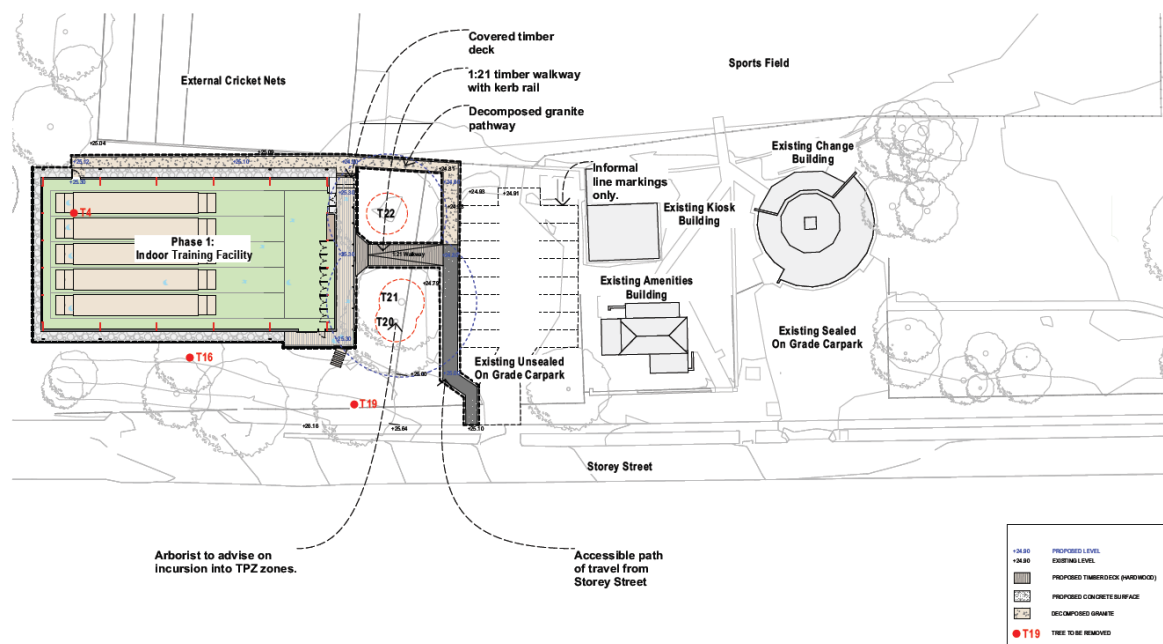


Figure 3: Snape Park Stage 1 – Indoor Training Facility.

The existing amenities building, and informal carpark will remain and be replaced in Stage 2.

The proposed new facility will provide year-round, all-weather access to community recreation infrastructure and increase sports participation opportunities as a result.

Indoor Training Facility design principles

The Indoor Training Facility building considers the following in its design:

- The building is sited at the lowest part of the site to reduce the visual and noise impacts to nearby dwellings (refer to Figure 3 below).
- This facility has a direct relationship to the existing outdoor cricket nets and sporting field, maximising efficient use by sporting clubs.
- Accessible pathways through a landscaped buffer zone connect the facility to Snape Street and the existing car park.
- The training hall maximises the use of natural ventilation and filtered light for optimum training conditions, and for energy efficiency.
- Proposed finishes, materials and colours have been selected for durability, functionality, cost and with respect to Country.
- Sustainability is embedded in the design, with features such as diverting rainwater runoff to the underground aquifer for use in field and landscape irrigation. External claddings selected to allow diffused natural light. Natural ventilation is maximised through louvres and roof design. The Use of solar panels and battery storage will be further investigated in design development.

It is noted that facilities of this type necessarily have high ceilings to allow safe indoor ball use. The section below shows how the Indoor Training Facility has been located at the lower portion of the site to reduce its impact on Storey Street residences.

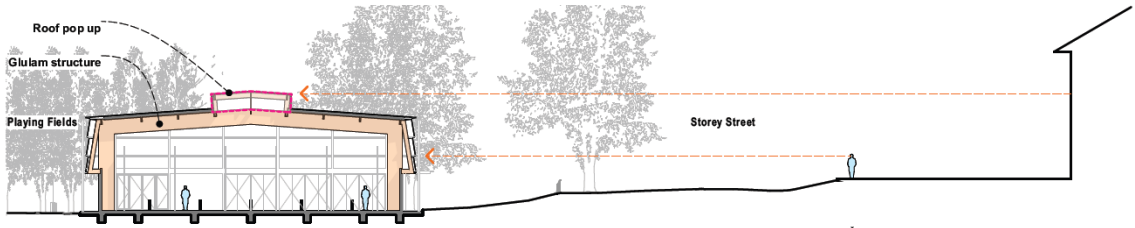


Figure 4: Relationship of the Indoor Training Facility to Storey Street. The building is nestled into the park and its landscaped setting to minimise its impact on Storey Street residences.

Stage 2 – Sporting and Public Amenities building, Carparking

The three existing amenities buildings will be demolished and replaced with a single amenities building in Stage 2. At this time, the informal and formal carparking currently on site will be consolidated into one carpark within a landscaped setting.

The Stage 2 concept plans have progressed sufficiently to inform the masterplan and to ensure connectivity and coordination with Stage 1 works. Stage 2 works will be subject to a separate future community consultation.

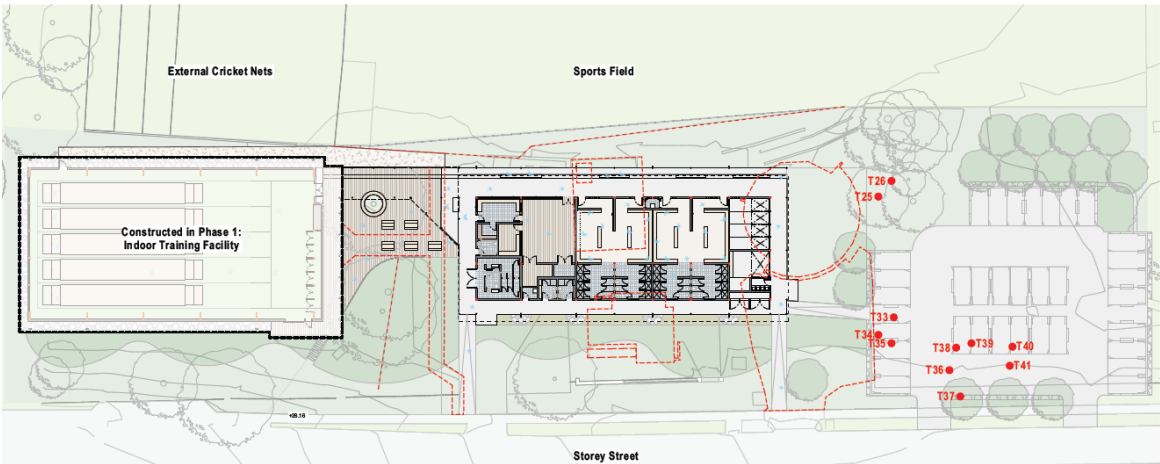


Figure 5: Snape Park Stage 2 – Amenities Building and Carpark

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Open Space and Recreation
Outcome	A community where everyone has the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation
Objective	75% or above satisfaction with new open space and recreation facilities within 2 years of implementation
Delivery program commitment	Provide female amenities, prioritising high-use sporting grounds (Heffron Park, Pioneers Park, Coogee Oval, Latham Park, Nagle Park, Snape Park).
Outcome	A community that is healthy and active
Objective	Maintain a community satisfaction* rating for coastal open spaces, coastal walkway, playgrounds and parks of 97%
Delivery program commitment	Optimise existing sports field layouts to increase number of fields provided and diversity of codes catered for.

Risks

The following high level key callouts for Council at this stage of the project include:

- The proposed funding is not sufficient to proceed with masterplan.
Mitigation: by staging the project, Stage 1, the Indoor Training Facility, is to be constructed as a priority. This will allow Council to allocate sufficient fund for future Stage 2, the Amenities Building and Carpark.
- Loss of external grant funding for failing to deliver on key project milestones.
Mitigation: Council officers to manage tight program including staging the project, community consultations, tender documentation and approval processes to ensure project progression, any potential delays to be discussed with the Federal grant Funding Office for consideration.
- Objection from local residents
Mitigation: Community and stakeholders are consulted and engaged throughout the stages of the project. Their feedback will be reviewed, considered and incorporated where possible.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Both stages of the project have been costed by a Quantity Surveyor, with project costs anticipated in the order of \$6.33m for Stage 1, and a further \$7.00m for Stage 2 as per the table below.

PROPOSED SNAPE PARK AMENITIES UPGRADE - COST PLAN (ex.GST)			
Stage 1 – Indoor Training Facilities		Stage 2 – Amenities Building and Carpark	
Construction Cost	\$3,398,000	Construction cost	\$4,918,000
		Included \$401,000 for car park	
Contingencies	\$1,270,000	Contingencies,	\$818,000
Consultants and Authorities' fees:	\$1,022,000	Consultant and authorities' fees	\$170,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For planning approvals and tender documentation for Stage 1 and 2 			
Escalation to June 2026	\$643,000	Escalation to Dec 2027	\$1,103,000
TOTAL	\$6,333,000	TOTAL	\$7,009,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$13,342,000		

The proposed funding strategy below is recommended to Council for inclusion in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and future Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works Program.

Year	Budget allocation	Budget Allocation	Rolling Total	Budget Status
1	2022-2023	\$500,000	\$500,000	Allocated
2	2023-2024	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	Allocated (inc Fed Grant)
3	2024-2025	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000	Allocated

4	2025-202.6	\$2,000,000	\$5,500,000	Proposed
5	2026-2027	\$1,000,000	\$6,500,000	Proposed

Council should note a subsequent report will be brought back to Council in relation to a recommended funding strategy for Stage 2 of the project in the future as the design development stage further progresses.

Policy and legislative requirements

Due regard will be given to the following planning and legislative framework:

- Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
- Randwick Development Control Plan 2013
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilient and Hazards) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021
- Local Government Act 1993
- Relevant DCPs.

Conclusion

Snape Park is a district level park located in Maroubra and is highly valued by the local community and those who come from further afield to participate in sporting fixtures at the site.

The park facilities need an upgrade, with the proposed inclusion of an Indoor Training Facility greatly increasing the opportunities for sports participation and excellence. In recognition of its value, significant funding under the Federal *Investing in our Community* program has been allocated to the project.

The masterplan responds wholistically to the constraints and opportunities of the site and allows implementation in a well-thought through staged approach. The proposed new Indoor Training Facility responds sensitively to Country within its residential context whilst meeting the needs of its sporting stakeholders.

It is recommended that the proposed Snape Park Masterplan and concept design for Stage 1 Indoor Training Facility now be endorsed by Council to proceed to community consultation.

Responsible officer: Rainny Paterson, Project Manager Major Projects

File Reference: PROJ/10959/2021/4

Director City Services Report No. CS57/24

Subject: Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas - 2024-25

Executive Summary

- An Alcohol Prohibited Area is able to be established by a Council pursuant to s. 632A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, for the purpose of prescribing the consumption of alcohol in certain public places. Enforcement of the Alcohol Prohibited Area may be undertaken by the NSW Police Force.
- For a number of years, council has introduced temporary alcohol prohibited areas at a number of beachside parks and reserves during the Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods, to reduce the potential for alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Council's parks and reserves.
- Council has received support from the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command for the re-establishment of Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas for the up-coming 2024-25 Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods.
- Council officers recommend the establishment of the proposed Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas (TAPAs) at the City's beachside locations.

Recommendation

That:

- a) pursuant to s. 632A(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Randwick City Council hereby **declares** that each of the parks and reserves contained in the Schedule of Parks and Reserves attached to this Report is to be an **alcohol prohibited area** that is to operate from:
 - i) 8.00pm on Friday 20 December 2024, ceasing at 6.00am on Monday 6 January 2025, and
 - ii) from 8.00pm on Friday 24 January 2025, ceasing at 6.00am on Tuesday 28 January 2025.
- b) pursuant to s. 632A(7) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the General Manager shall install temporary notices (signs) at each of the parks and reserves, contained in the Schedule of Parks and Reserves attached to this Report, sufficient to give effect to the declaration of the Council.
- c) Council carryout a public awareness campaign that informs the public that the consumption of alcohol at all of the City's beaches, beachside parks and reserves is prohibited as provided for by the declaration contained at "a)."
- d) the Eastern Beaches (Police Area Command) Commander be advised of the Council's decision accordingly.

Attachment/s:

1.  Schedule of Parks & Reserves - Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas - 2024-25

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council establish, as it has done in past years, Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas (TAPAs) at the City's beachside Parks and Reserves which will operate over the 2024-25 Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods.

In making this recommendation, Council officers have corresponded with the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command who support the TAPAs, including that the TAPAs serve as an important part of the broader police strategy in providing safe public spaces on, in and around the City's popular beaches and beachside areas.

Discussion

For many years, with the support of Eastern Beaches Police, Randwick City Council has established Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas that operate at the City's beachside Parks and Reserves which ordinarily only prescribe the consumption of alcohol from dusk to dawn.

The TAPAs will operate in conjunction with and as an extension to the permanent alcohol prohibitions at all of the City's beaches and certain other beachside Parks and Reserves (e.g. Dunningham, Goldstein, Grant and Trenerry Reserves). The establishment of the TAPAs will provide a uniform alcohol ban at all of our popular beachside public spaces during the busy summer festive and holiday period.

Establishing the TAPAs provides the NSW Police with the necessary 'tools' to keep our public spaces safe and reduce incidents of alcohol related anti-social behaviour at our popular beachside areas. As such, it is the recommendation of Police and Council officers that the Council re-establish the TAPAs for the 2024-25 Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods.

Police support for Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Council officers have been in communication with the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command in respect to the implementation of TAPAs at our beachside parks and reserves. Council officers have been advised that police fully support council re-establishing Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas for the upcoming 2024-25 Christmas, New Year, and Australia Day periods.

How do Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas Operate?

The source of the legislative power that provides that a Council may establish an *alcohol prohibited area* at a *public place*, including how such area operates is found in s. 632A(4), (6) and (7) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act), which relevantly state:

- (4) *A council may declare any public place (or any part of a public place) in the council's area to be an alcohol prohibited area for the purposes of this section. However, an alcohol prohibited area cannot be established in relation to a public place that is a public road (or part of a public road) or car park.*
- (5) ...
- (6) *An alcohol prohibited area operates, in accordance with the terms of the declaration establishing the area, during such times or events as are specified in the declaration.*
- (7) *An alcohol prohibited area operates only so long as there are erected at the outer limits of the area, and at suitable intervals within the area, conspicuous signs—*
 - (a) *stating that the drinking of alcohol is prohibited in the area, and*
 - (b) *specifying the times or events, as specified in the declaration by which the area was established, during which it is to operate.*

After Council 'declares' an area to be a Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Area in accordance with s. 632A(6) of the LG Act, signs must be erected at those areas in accordance with the Council's 'declaration'. The establishment of the TAPAs occurs on the erection of the signs. **How are**

Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas Enforced?

NSW Police are responsible for the enforcement of the City's TAPAs pursuant to s. 632A(1), (2) and (3) of the LG Act. Whilst these provisions do not create an offence for 'drinking' in an *alcohol prohibited area*, they do provide Police with a discretionary power to 'seize' and 'tip out' any alcohol in the possession of a person in an *alcohol prohibited area*, who the police officer has a reasonable belief that the person is drinking, or is about to drink, or has recently been drinking alcohol.

Council officers have been advised by Police that the establishment of TAPAs within the Randwick City Council LGA provides a preventative ability for police to take control of the area and engage with members of the public before incidents occur.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Health, Building & Regulatory Services
Function	Prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour
Delivery program commitment	Respond to referrals from NSW Liquor & Gaming, work with the liquor accord to address anti-social behaviour, and undertake crime prevention activities.

Risks

There are potential operational, safety and reputational risks if the establishment of the TAPAs does not proceed. Without properly established TAPAs, the NSW Police cannot effectively enforce alcohol consumption at our beachside parks and reserves which could lead to alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The resources required to establish the Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas are contained within Council's existing budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Part 2, Chapter 16 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Conclusion

The establishment of TAPAs at Council's beachside Parks and Reserves is an important preventative measure that supports the NSW Police's overall strategy to provide safe public spaces on, in and around the City's popular beaches and beachside areas.

It is Council officers' view that implementing the TAPAs for the up-coming 2024-25 Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods is a necessary measure that provides our Police with requisite regulatory ability to address any problematic public drinking that could potentially compromise community safety and convenience.

It is the recommendation of Council officers that the TAPAs be re-established for the 2024-25 Christmas, New Year and Australia Day periods.

Responsible officer: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

File Reference: F2005/00853

Schedule of Parks & Reserves Declared as Temporary Alcohol Prohibited Areas

(Pursuant to s. 632A of the *Local Government Act 1993*)

Each of the parks and reserves that is situated in the City of Randwick that is listed below is declared to be an **alcohol prohibited area** at which the consumption of alcohol is not permitted. The prohibition on the consumption of alcohol within the parks and reserves contained in this Schedule operates from:

- i) 8.00pm on Friday 20 December 2024, ceasing at 6.00am on Monday 6 January 2025, and
- ii) From 8.00pm on Friday 24 January 2025, ceasing at 6.00am on the 28 January 2025.

Bundock Park - Clovelly

Jack Vanny Reserve - Maroubra

Arthur Byrne Reserve - Maroubra

Cromwell Park - Malabar

Yarra Bay Bicentennial Park - Phillip Bay

Gwea Reserve -Yarra Bay

Note:

All beaches in the City of Randwick and adjacent beachside reserves not listed above are subject to a permanent total alcohol prohibition.

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC23/24

Subject: A Multicultural Event for Randwick

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a number of resolutions of Council regarding holding a Multicultural Event.
- Randwick City is a culturally diverse community with 123 ancestral groups represented in our LGA in the last census. A significant multicultural event would provide a unique and highly engaging opportunity to celebrate this rich cultural diversity.
- This report investigates the delivery of a large-scale multicultural event taking into consideration other Council events and initiatives focusing on cultural expression, potential locations, community collaboration and external grant resourcing.
- A number of delivery models for a major multicultural event have been considered, with the resulting proposal to hold a Multicultural Event with an estimated \$262 845 budget to be held at Kensington Oval.
- The Report proposes the Event to be delivered in October 2025 with a funding allocation to be considered in the 2025/26 budget.
- Resourcing a significant Multicultural Event may be significantly supported by the upcoming Multicultural NSW Local Council Major Festival 2 Year Grant fund program 25/26, which typically offers Councils up to \$500,000 over a 2-year periods for major Multicultural Events, with matched funding ([link](#)).

Recommendation

That Council approve:

- a) the proposal for a significant Multicultural Event to be hosted by Council following the format outlined in this Report with an approximate budget of \$262,845;
- b) that the Event is held in October 2025 with a budget allocation to be considered in the 2024-25 budget; and/or possibly match funded by the Multicultural NSW grants program; and
- c) that the proposed Event is held at Kensington Oval.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its meeting held on 16 October 2018, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Stavrinou) that:

- a) following a resolution at the last Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting to organise a multicultural festival at Kensington Oval, Council, in conjunction with the Multicultural Advisory Committee, plan and organise a Multicultural festival to enhance diversity and inclusion in our city. It is proposed that this would happen in September 2019; and
- b) a report on this proposal including various options, possible dates and costing options, ranging from no cost to Council to being fully funded by Council, to be brought back to Council for consideration.

NB: Following this resolution in light of the COVID pandemic, a hold was put on planning any further major events or festivals.

At its meeting held on 22 November 2022, Council further resolved:

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Luxford) that Randwick Council:

- a) recommit in its desire to build a strong 'Sense of community', by making decisions that are 'equitable, socially just, respectful and fair' for all the residents of Randwick. And in doing so regain the path to building a more inclusive and accepting Randwick City for all, with emphasis on our Indigenous past and the major contribution multi-culturalism and diversity have made to building a great local government area; and
- b) **investigate and bring back a report on a Multicultural Concert inviting the many cultural and Indigenous groups to have a joint concert to celebrate Australia's diversity.**

At its meeting held on 27 February 2024 Council resolved;

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr P Veitch) that Council:

- a) acknowledges the success of recent Council events such as Culture on Country, Lunar New Year, Coogee Pride, and the many other events celebrating our diverse community and commends staff and community members for their contributions to these significant celebrations of inclusion.
- b) notes the longstanding commitments to these as well as upcoming events in March to mark International Women's Day (8 March) and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March), including the International Women's Day Art Prize and an Anti-Discrimination Forum being hosted jointly by Randwick City Council and Bayside Council;
- c) acknowledges that many people in our community including, women, people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, members of the Jewish community, Palestinians and people of Arabic and Middle Eastern descent, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, people with disability and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTQI+) community members continue to experience abuse, discrimination, threats to their safety, and other forms of social and economic disadvantage;
- d) condemns all forms of racism, discrimination, antisemitism, Islamophobia, bullying, harassment, violence, and abuse;
- e) recognises that all levels of government have an important role to play in promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion in our society;
- f) continues to develop policies and programs to help overcome discrimination and violence in our community;

- g) *continues to support and expand its program of events supporting and celebrating Randwick's diverse community including Culture on Country, Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week, Lunar New Year, Mardi Gras and Coogee Pride, International Women's Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and other events in 2024-2025 and beyond; and*
- h) **that an additional clause (h) be added which reads "that the 2024/25 financial year contain a budget allocation for a multicultural festival to be hosted."**

A larger allocation of funding than what was proposed in the 24/25 budget is required given the scale of the event that is proposed. The purpose of this Report is to bring back a proposal to hold a Multicultural Event in October 2025, to be considered in the next budget cycle.

Discussion

Background and context

Randwick Council is known for being a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive community that celebrates its rich multicultural history and heritage. The 2021 Census reported that the Randwick Local Government Area is home to residents of 123 ancestral groups, reflecting deep cultural diversity and that collectively contributes to our LGA's unique identity.

Council is developing a Multicultural Development Plan as part of the Inclusive Randwick Strategy, that will promote inclusion of specific needs of multicultural communities in coming years. A Multicultural framework can create a sense of belonging and unity amongst residents, leading to a stronger, more cohesive community.

A proposed Multicultural event has been supported via Council resolutions since 2018, however for various reasons including the COVID pandemic and resourcing issues it had not progressed. Such an event would provide a unique and vibrant community cultural experience alongside Council's other signature events and could be delivered collaboratively by both internal and external stakeholders.

Multiculturalism in Council's events and programming

Council currently offers a range of small to medium-scale events and opportunities focused on cultural diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion.

First Nations events are held every year by Council in partnership with the Aboriginal community, including *Koojay Corroboree* and *Culture on Country* held on 26 January at La Perouse.

Based around community needs and skillset building, the Randwick City Libraries host various services including English conversation classes, resources for learning English, community language collections, and multicultural activities and workshops.

Economic Development deliver the annual and much anticipated *Lunar New Year* event in Kingsford, working with and celebrating the Southeast Asian and Chinese communities through live music, performance art, family workshops and the traditional Lion dance. In 2024, over 1500 people filled Meeks Street Plaza for this vibrant event.

There is currently in the annual Events budget a modest allocation of approximately \$15,000 per year, which is allocated to the programming of the Harmony Stage at The Spot Festival each March as an acknowledgement and celebration of multiculturalism via invited cultural groups, performers, and artists.

Council's Community Investment Program also supports a range of multicultural programs and activities that are led and delivered by community for a range of diverse cultural groups.

In response to Council's notices of motion a standalone large scale Multicultural Event has been scoped for Council's consideration.

A Multicultural Event

Preliminary consultation with key stakeholder groups would be essential in the planning and buy-in for a pilot event. A range of stakeholder groups including the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, Sydney Multicultural Services, the International Students Association UNSW, and local cultural organisations would need to be engaged early in the planning process.

There is the opportunity to align with the planned February – June 2025 consultation being undertaken by Community Development for the Multicultural Development Plan, to seek feedback on a Multicultural Event pilot. If the Event is held 2025/26, this would give appropriate time to establishing a representative working group from across the community to inform programming and engagement.

Council's Cultural Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee will also be consulted as part of the inception and planning process.

Proposed format of a Multicultural Event

Pending consultation, the preliminary concept of a Multicultural event would include the following proposed elements:

Venue / Location:

Kensington Oval is recommended as the site for this event.

This site is suitable given its location in a multicultural area, having good amenity, safety, and access, and is expansive for diverse programming, food offerings and performances. The impact on the sporting field/cricket ground requires consultation and consent with stakeholders prior to confirming location but initial conversations have indicated in-principle support.



Timing:

An appropriate time of year for the event would be during October in early Spring and would further not compete with other events in Council's annual events calendar.

The timing and length of the event should appeal to a range of visitors, from families to younger adults and students. An event from 3pm to 10pm is recommended and would further activate the nighttime economy, whilst reducing impact on residents during the event bump in, operation, and bump out.

Proposed format / programming:

The following key elements could be incorporated:

- A main stage featuring a lineup of cultural music, dance, and performances—focusing on family-friendly entertainment earlier in the event, and then transitioning to attract young adults in the evening with world dance music and DJs.
- A diverse selection of multicultural food vendors: a curated line-up of vendors offering cuisine from various cultures. Considerations to partner with online food influencers or bloggers to promote the event and suggest their own lineup of renowned food vendors to attract a wider audience, both within the community and beyond the LGA. Attendees may explore the site using a “global bites map” developed in partnership with the providers.
- Pending consultation, a primary First Nations Traditional Custodians presence and programming, to place the Event on Country and to celebrate Randwick’s – and Australia’s oldest living and evolving culture through a Welcome, dance, spoken word and cultural offerings. Additional and initial consultation will take place with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council to seek guidance and advice on potential contributions.
- Other local multicultural groups who will be invited to participate will include but is not limited to cultural backgrounds from the Greek, Indonesian, Filipino, Italian, African and French communities, engaging local groups and schools where possible.
- Cultural workshops and immersive experiences aimed at educating and raising awareness of cultural expression through art, language, and dress. These workshops will welcome participants of all ages to join in the activities and enjoy the experience.
- Engage with local cultural community organisations, church, and education and school groups that embrace diversity, providing them a platform to raise awareness and celebrate their traditions through information and product stalls.
- Onsite council presence featuring information stalls from various departments, providing residents with service information in multiple languages.
- The event will feature a licensed area with bar service, offering bespoke cocktails and mocktails infused with cultural flavours.
- Implementation of road closures and hostile vehicle mitigation to enhance public safety on-site and facilitate event access and exit routes. The road closure will also provide space for essential infrastructure, including toilets, power, site lighting, and additional programming (e.g. market stalls).
- Additional site infrastructure appropriate for the scale of the event will include perimeter fencing (featuring scrim to promote the event and its offerings), a stage truck, audio and stage lighting, marquees for food, market, and information stalls, as well as front and back-of-house operations. Other elements will include bike valet services, furniture, and decorative features such as ambient lighting, signage, and colorful bunting or flags.
- The event will be staffed by both internal and external personnel, including team members from Economic Development and Placemaking, Community Development, Communications, and Waste Management, as well as external site managers, security, RSA marshals, first aid providers, traffic controllers and bathroom attendants.

In keeping with Council’s standard community engagement and information protocols, the local community of Kensington & Kingsford would be informed of the upcoming event and noise, traffic, and lights/sound disturbances. The event would be intended to be held from late afternoon to appeal to families and then to evolve into an evening event with offerings to appeal to the student and adult populations.

Emergency Services will be informed about the event, and further consultations will be held with the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command to brief them on the event concept, site security, and safety measures related to traffic management, pedestrian safety, and crowd control.

Proposed Dates and Budget considerations

Delivering a major Multicultural Event within the current financial year 2024/2025 was not deemed possible for various reasons including the lack of time to adequately consult with and engage community groups, and the lead-in and staffing time required to deliver a complex event on the recommended scale and scope.

As such this Report recommends delivery in October 2025. This would facilitate consultation that is required and would enable the required resources to be identified via Council's annual budget planning cycle.

Multicultural NSW: Local Council Major Festival Grant

Council is monitoring funding opportunity with Multicultural NSW, Local Council Major Festival Grant – see [Local Council Grants - Multicultural NSW](#). This matched-funding program funds up to \$500,000 per annum for 2 years designed to pilot the introduction of major multicultural festivals by local government organisations. The 2022-24 cycle of funded grants is now ending, and a new grant round is expected to open soon.

Should Council apply and be successful, this may partially fund the event. Council will be updated on the outcome of the grant funding application.

Proposed Budget:

Production		
<i>Traffic Management + HVM</i>	TMP, TGS and management on the day, HVM assessment and implementation, equipment & towing	\$31,000.00
<i>Marquees</i>	Food, market, info, performer, front and back of house operations	\$30,000.00
<i>AV & staging</i>	1 x stage truck, technicians, stage lighting	\$15,000.00
<i>Event personnel</i>	Security, site management, first aid	\$19,850.00
<i>Power, lighting & Electrician</i>	Generators, site lighting towers, certified electrician	\$15,000.00
<i>Toilets + bathroom attendant</i>	Single and accessible toilets, hand sanitisers, bathroom attendant	\$10,000.00
<i>Furniture</i>	Dining tables and seating, bean bags, deck chairs, bar seating	\$15,000.00
<i>Fencing</i>	Site fencing, bar fencing, crowd control barriers	\$9,000.00
<i>Bike Valet</i>	External set up and management of bicycles	\$4,000.00
<i>Bar</i>	License, operations, infrastructure etc.	\$5,000.00
<i>Misc.</i>	Van hire + fuel, bunnings, fire extinguishers, t-shirts, VIP food vouchers	\$5,400.00
Programming		
<i>Welcome to Country</i>	LALALC	\$700.00
<i>Main stage entertainment</i>	MC, DJ (sets & BGM), 10 x Cultural performance (language, dance, etc.) including headliners	\$19,000.00
<i>Roving</i>	5 x Roving cultural performances	\$5,000.00
<i>Workshops</i>	5 x workshops in food, dance, language, traditions	\$12,500.00
<i>First Nations inclusion</i>	Budget dedicated to First Nations inclusion	\$10,000.00
Communications, promotion & collateral		
<i>Communications & promotion</i>	Resident letter print + distribution, engagement with food influencers/bloggers, horizontal banners, photographer	\$17,000.00
<i>Onsite signage</i>	Stalls signage, scrim, A frames, lectern sign, etc.	\$8,500.00

Survey		\$7,000.00
Subtotal		\$238,950.00
Contingency	10%	\$23,895.00
TOTAL		\$262,845.00

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	Ensure inclusivity is included in the planning and design of all cultural events and activities run by Council by 2031.
Delivery program commitment	Expand and distribute Council's program of cultural activities and events to allow for a minimum of 1 cultural activity in each suburb (13) from 2025 onwards.
Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A resilient city where people are engaged, informed, connected and feel a sense of community and belonging
Objective	The percentage of residents who feel a part of their community will remain above the metro benchmark through to 2031
Delivery program commitment	Explore opportunities to increase targeted events for communities feeling socially isolated on a needs basis.

Risks:

- A Multicultural Event that celebrates Randwick's many cultures will require significant resourcing.

Mitigation: The required funding will need be included in the annual budget planning cycle. A successful application to the Multicultural NSW: Local Council Major Festival Grant pending the opening of the next 2-year grant round, may provide considerable matched funding to contribute to delivery of two years of this Event.

- A significant Event that involves world music, DJs and an expected high attendance will have an impact on the local community, cause congestion and possible noise disturbance.

Mitigation: A communications and information strategy including local letter drops, online promotion and feedback channels will be enacted by Council. Events planning will include road closures, emergency services consultation and attendance risk management.

- The language around "Multiculturalism", or representation of many distinct cultures under one name/event is now being superseded by different models of representation. In events planning this can be expressed by a series of culturally distinct events, or through Interculturalism; a new cultural idea that promotes dialogue and interaction between cultures rather than separate representation.

Mitigation: The pilot event will include evaluation of participants and attendees to gauge the community's preferred approach to diverse cultural representation at a Council-managed event, including the name of the event.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The required budget for this event is to be determined following endorsement from Council but estimated to be equal to the annual Spot Festival, which is approximately \$250,000. New funding will need to be considered and allocated via the annual Council budgetary planning process for 2025/2026.

Council is monitoring funding opportunity with Multicultural NSW, Local Council Major Festival Grant, Council Grants - Multicultural NSW. This program provided matched funding for up to \$500,000 per annum for 2 years, designed to pilot the introduction of major multicultural festivals by local government organisations. The 2022-24 cycle of funded grants is now ending, and a new grant round is expected to open soon.

Should Council apply and be successful for a Multicultural NSW Grant to significantly fund a Multicultural Event, Council will be updated on the revised funding strategy for this event.

Policy and legislative requirements

Inclusive Randwick Strategy (2021)
Arts and Culture Strategy (2021).

Conclusion

A Multicultural Event for Randwick would align with other Council multicultural initiatives including the development of a Multicultural Development Plan and delivery of the Inclusive Randwick strategy.

A major event held at Kensington Oval involving a wide range of cultural performances, immersion opportunities, food and activities, would require a significant budget, community consultation and events planning. It is therefore recommended that this Event be held in October 2025.

This is an exciting opportunity for Council to celebrate our multicultural demographic and deliver a significant community event celebrating cultural diversity across Randwick.

Responsible officer: Brooke McDonald, Events Production Supervisor

File Reference: F2021/00038

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC24/24

Subject: Community Investment Program - October 2024

Executive Summary

- The Community Investment Program's October funding round was held for the Community **Connect** and Community **Creative** streams. Applications closed on 17 October 2024.
- Twenty-four (24) Community Connect applications were received, requesting a total of **\$167,406.40** in funding (\$163,288.40 in cash; \$4,118.00 in fee support).
- Eight (8) Community Connect applications are recommended for funding, totaling **\$36,930.00** (in cash only).
- Twenty-two (22) Community Creative applications were received, requesting a total of **\$263,362.00** in funding (\$248,659.00 in cash; \$14,703.00 in fee support).
- Eight (8) Community Creative applications are recommended for funding, totaling **\$54,570.00** (\$45,460 in cash; \$9,110.00 in fee support).
- Two (2) applications submitted via the Community Connect stream are recommended for funding via the surplus Community Partnerships budget for 2024-25, to the amount of **\$20,000.00**.
- For the 2024-25 financial year there are currently twenty-four (24) Mayor's Contingency Fund allocations, totaling **\$63,602.12**.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) approve the Community Connect funding allocation of **\$36,930.00** to the recommended projects;
- b) approve the Community Creative funding allocation of **\$54,570.00** to the recommended projects;
- c) approve the allocation of **\$20,000** towards the two additional projects from the surplus Community Partnerships fund;
- d) note the status of the Mayor's Contingency fund for 2024-25.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The Community Investment Program includes multiple funding streams, including 'Community Connect' and 'Community Creative'. \$186,300 has been allocated to each stream for the 2024-25 financial year (a total of \$372,600).

Under the current Guidelines, the Connect and Creative streams open concurrently during three rounds per year. Applicants must apply during an open round if their application includes a cash request.

Round Three for the 2024 calendar year opened for applications on 19 September and closed on 17 October. A total of 46 applications were received. This report pertains to the funding recommendations arising from this round.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 June 2020, Council adopted the 'Community Investment Program', a strategic framework for grant funding and donations. The Community Investment Program encompasses several funding streams, including: Community Creative, Community Connect, Community Partnerships, Community Donations and the Mayor's Contingency fund.

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 25 July 2023, updated program Guidelines were adopted by Council. A key change stemming from the new Guidelines was enhancement of the 'Fee Support' option, enabling applicants to request a fee waiver for the use of Council venues, facilities or services at any time during the financial year, instead of waiting for an open grant round.

As a result of this change, Council approves fee support-only applications on an ongoing basis. Allocations for 2024-25 are noted towards the end of this report. For projects including a cash request (with or without fee support), applicants must continue to apply during an open round.

Discussion

Community Connect

Objectives of the Community Connect stream are:

- To increase community participation and capacity
- To increase social cohesion, belonging, and connection
- To increase trust and understanding across diverse communities
- To increase volunteering opportunities, and
- To encourage healthy and active lifestyles.

Application assessment

An assessment panel reviews all applications received in open rounds.

For the October round, the panel included the Director of Community and Culture, Manager of Community Development, Council officers with skills and experience in community development, and an external representative from NSW Health with extensive knowledge of priority populations in the local area and community grants management.

Each application was assessed against five core criteria drawn from the Community Connect Guidelines:

1. Capacity to enhance connection and cohesion
2. Ability to deliver the project
3. Capacity to foster inclusion for diverse communities
4. Capacity to measure impact and evaluate the project's outcomes, and
5. Evidence of a realistic budget and value for money.

Funding

The total Community Connect budget for the 2024-25 financial year is \$186,300. Cash and fee support allocations are both drawn from this budget.

Leading into the October grant round, \$86,146.87 remained unallocated in the Community Connect budget. To ensure adequate funding for the remainder of the financial year, \$35,000 was designated to this round of applications.

Recommended funding allocations: October 2024 funding round

A summary of the recommended allocations for the October round is provided below.

Twenty-four (24) Community Connect applications were considered, requesting a total of **\$167,406.40** (\$163,288.40 in cash; \$4,118.00 in fee support).

Eight (8) applications are recommended for funding, to a total of **\$36,930.00**.

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

COMMUNITY CONNECT: RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

COMMUNITY CONNECT		RECOMMENDED FUNDING	
Applicant and Project Description	Cash	Fee Support	Assessment Panel comments
1. Autism MATES Autism Carers Peer Support Group Margaret Martin Library, Randwick A safe and supportive space designed for individuals who care for people with autism, to share experiences, challenges and insights.	\$5,930.00	\$0.00	The panel is supportive of the proposal to implement a peer-led carers' group within Randwick LGA. This project is expected to meet a specific social need and aligns with the objectives of this stream. The applicant is advised to ensure availability of library space prior to promoting the program. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Connect grants exceeding available funds.
2. Hope and Heal Urban Retreat for DFV Survivors Randwick Community Centre A facilitated space for healing, connection, education, and empowerment. Through guided discussions, participants find solace in shared experiences.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	This activity meets the criteria for Community Connect, and positive feedback has been received by prior participants. Partial funding is recommended due to budget constraints and the applicant's capacity to collect payment by donation for a small portion of participants.
3. Kensington Park Local Resident Group Gentle Exercise Group Kensington Park Community Centre Weekly exercise group for seniors, adapted to individual needs for all levels of ability, to enhance community connection and healthy lifestyles.	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	This project represents a small investment with significant impact for seniors in the community. It meets the program objectives and offers the opportunity to address isolation whilst encouraging healthy lifestyles for people at a range of ability levels.

COMMUNITY CONNECT	RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
4. Kooloora Community Centre Christmas at Kooloora Onsite at Bilga Crescent, Malabar A celebration for the Kooloora estate community, including adults, families, and a 'Kids' Zone' with presents for the children.	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	This free annual event caters to a diverse group of service users, including children, seniors, and residents experiencing disadvantage. It represents a small contribution for an event that provides significant positive impact for the Kooloora Estate community.
5. La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council LaPa Carols by the Sea Grounds of Yarra Bay House A free community event to foster connection and healing within community. It aims to bring together around 500 community members through local performances, food stalls, rides and activities for all ages, including a visit from 'Black Santa.'	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	The event meets the criteria for Community Connect. Council supports several carols events at Christmas and recognises the unique context of the La Perouse community. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Connect grants exceeding available funds.
6. Rotary Club of Botany Randwick Dog Fun Day 2025 Arthur Byrne Reserve, Maroubra A community fun day with stalls, kids' activities, raffles and dog competitions. Funds raised will go to LifeLine Bondi, raising mental health awareness and training opportunities to the Eastern Suburbs community.	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	This event meets the criteria for Community Connect and is free to attend, despite having a fundraising focus. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Connect grants exceeding available funds.
7. Sydney Multicultural Community Services Multicultural Seniors Carnivale Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay This annual celebration is of cultural significance to the local community, uniting younger and older people for performances, music, dance, and lunch.	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	This annual event is well established and invites a high level of community engagement among local seniors from a diverse range of backgrounds. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Connect grants exceeding available funds.
8. The Benevolent Society Peer Support Program for Unpaid Carers Community halls within Randwick LGA (to be confirmed)	\$6,900.00	\$0.00	The panel acknowledges the importance of support provision for unpaid carers in addressing isolation and enhancing social connection. The applicant is advised to seek availability of hall hire in Randwick prior to confirming the program. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand

COMMUNITY CONNECT		RECOMMENDED FUNDING	
Carers connect through activities that build supportive networks with others who understand their experiences. Expanding Skills: Workshops equip carers with skills like Self-Care, Mental Health First Aid, relationship maintenance, and understanding conditions such as Autism, Dementia, and Cognitive Impairment.			for Community Connect grants exceeding available funds.
Sub-total		\$36,930.00	\$0.00
		Cash	Fee support
TOTAL FUNDING: COMMUNITY CONNECT	RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY	\$36,930.00	

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Community Creative

The objectives of the Community Creative stream are:

- To increase Randwick's reputation as a creative and cultural hub
- To increase activation of Council's creative and cultural spaces
- To encourage excellence and innovation in the delivery of arts and culture, and
- To increase access to and participation in the arts, including recognition of the contribution of First Nations people.

Application assessment

An assessment panel reviewed all applications. Panel members included the Manager of Community Development, Council officers with skills and experience in the arts, culture, and community development, and an external representative from the local Randwick arts community.

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

1. Excellence and innovation in creative practice and delivery
2. Ability to deliver the project
3. Capacity to enhance access to the arts and foster inclusion for diverse communities
4. Community benefit, audience size, and capacity to evaluate impact and outcomes, and
5. Evidence of a realistic budget and value for money.

Funding

The total Community Creative budget for the 2024-25 financial year is \$186,300. Cash and fee support allocations are both drawn from this budget.

Leading into the October round, \$123,974 remained unallocated in the Community Creative budget. To ensure adequate funding for the remainder of the financial year, \$50,000 was designated to this round of applications.

Recommended funding allocations: October 2024

Twenty-two (22) Community Creative applications were considered, requesting a total of **\$263,362.00** (\$248,659.00 in cash; \$14,703.00 in fee support).

Eight (8) applications are recommended for funding, to a total of **\$54,570.00**.

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

COMMUNITY CREATIVE: RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

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COMMUNITY CREATIVE		RECOMMENDED FUNDING		
Applicant and Project Description		Cash	Fee Support	Assessment Panel comments
<p>1. Angus McGrath (sole trader):</p> <p>Queer Creative project</p> <p>Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall</p> <p>Development of a full-length manuscript of queer theory and fiction, working alongside other queer artists to undertake new work which will be presented at a free event for the public at Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall.</p>		\$7,325.00	\$0.00	Grant funding will assist in supporting an emerging creative arts practitioner, while enhancing visibility and inclusion for the LGBTQIA+ community through production of this work. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding the available funds.
<p>2. Brolga Dance Academy</p> <p>School Holiday Program</p> <p>Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall</p> <p>Brolga Dance Academy will deliver a three-day series of free Indigenous dance workshops in Matraville to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 8 to 15, led by Indigenous established and experienced artists.</p>		\$10,000.00	\$1,800.00	This application was considered one of the strongest in this round. The workshops will offer an excellent opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to enjoy a culturally immersive experience. The proposal offers a valuable school holiday activity with no financial barriers to participation.
<p>3. Elizabeth Marks (sole trader)</p> <p>Coast Cartography Castoffs</p> <p>7 Clovelly Road Gallery</p> <p>Exhibition and sale of artworks using the following genres: found objects; acrylic paintings; cartographic works in mixed media, presented visually and via reproduction print, cards, bags and tea towels.</p>		\$1,135.00	\$0.00	The application represents a small investment to enhance the profile of visual art in the Randwick area, whilst supporting emerging practitioners in a popular local gallery space.
<p>4. Janet Gibson</p> <p>Speaking Up, Speaking Out, Speaking Back: Dementia Voices from the Margins</p> <p>Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre</p> <p>A therapeutic storytelling and theatre project involving people living with a recent diagnosis of dementia. A script will be produced based on shared stories. To be performed to an audience of friends, peers, family members, care partners, and professionals.</p>		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	The applicant presented a solid proposal, with a strong creative component that is highly inclusive of an underrepresented group. The applicant demonstrated evidence of successful past work and the ability to deliver. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding available funds.
<p>5. Kate Vinen (sole trader)</p> <p>Flow - Short Film</p>		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	The project present an opportunity to support an emerging local practitioner, showcase the Randwick LGA, and

COMMUNITY CREATIVE		RECOMMENDED FUNDING	
On location in Randwick LGA (production); proposed screening at the Ritz (to be confirmed) Production of a short film by an award-winning local writer and director. The film will be centred around a young female character, exploring themes including infertility, motherhood, grief and healing.			increase the presence and visibility of women in film. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding available funds.
6. Maselli Films Women in Water On location in Randwick LGA (production); proposed screening at the Ritz A short film project, including a 16-week training program to empower emerging female water and surf cinematographers through mentorship, camera and directing workshops, practical training in water environments, and community collaboration.	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	The panel reviewed three film-focused submissions received from the applicant. This project was preferred for funding due to its inclusion of a comprehensive training program and its focus on emerging female practitioners. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding available funds.
7. Randwick Art Society Annual Exhibition and Sale of Arts, Photography and Crafts Prince Henry Centre A 3-day event to showcase creative work by society members, including judgement and awards. All works are for sale at affordable prices, with free entry to the public. Live music from local musical groups and societies is featured throughout the exhibition period.	\$0.00	\$7,310.00	This annual event is well established and popular among the local arts community. A fee waiver only is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding the available funds.
8. Wylie's Baths Trust Photography and Art Exhibition Wylie's Baths, Coogee A platform for people of all ages and abilities to showcase their unique creative talent via photography, artwork or performance. All attendees can connect with the various 'Wylie's-themed' artworks and will have the opportunity to purchase selected works at an affordable price on the night.	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	The location is a popular venue within Randwick LGA. Previous funded events have been successful and elicited positive community feedback. However, the requested amount in this application is high for a single-day exhibition. Partial funding is recommended, due to demand for Community Creative grants exceeding the available funds.
Sub-total	\$45,460.00	\$9,110.00	
	Cash	Fee support	
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING: COMMUNITY CREATIVE	\$54,570.00		

Additional applications proposed for funding through the surplus Community Partnerships budget

'Community Partnerships' is a stream of the Community Investment Program which opens for applications once per year. The purpose of Community Partnerships is to support not-for-profit social service providers to deliver projects designed to address the social needs of Randwick residents experiencing disadvantage. Funding is available of up to \$20,000 per year, for a maximum of three years.

In July 2024, the annual Community Partnerships round was finalised, with six (6) applicants approved for funding. Combined with multi-year allocations approved in previous years, this resulted in a surplus of **\$119,735.40** remaining in Partnerships funding for the 2024-25 financial year.

At the Ordinary meeting on 23 July 2024, Council approved a recommendation to *'allow the surplus funds to remain in the Community Partnerships budget for allocation to other suitable projects to be identified within the 2024-25 financial year.'*

Community Partnerships: Suitable projects from the October round of Community Connect

The below applications were received in the October round of Community Connect. On assessment, the panel determined that while these applications have strong merit, both are more closely aligned with the objectives of the 'Community Partnerships' funding stream.

It is recommended that these applicants be supported via allocation of surplus funds from the Community Partnerships budget.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS		RECOMMENDED FUNDING	
Applicant and Project Description	Cash	Fee Support	Assessment Panel comments
1. Counterpoint Community Services Creating Safer Communities Together The Hub@Lexo and surrounding Maroubra community A program to address antisocial behaviour issues in housing estates, conducted via an outreach model. The project aims to foster improved relationships, access to services and a sense of inclusion among marginalised residents.	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	This project received one-year funding through Community Partnerships in 2023. A comprehensive acquittal report has been received and approved. Feedback has been positive from workers and residents utilising the 'Hub@Lexo' who have had contact with this project. It is meeting a largely unaddressed need in the Maroubra estate and achieving positive outcomes. The panel proposes that continuation of the project be supported through surplus Community Partnerships funding.
2. Gujaga Foundation School Readiness Pack Program In community: La Perouse, Little Bay, Phillip Bay A project to ensure that every Aboriginal child has the essential items in preparation for commencing primary school. The applicant will collaborate with service providers to identify local families in need and distribute comprehensive Readiness Packs, including essential resources and a children's book in the Dharawal language.	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	The panel agreed this project will provide an invaluable service to vulnerable families, assisting children to get the best start to school and contributing to associated long-term positive outcomes. It does not fit neatly within the Community Connect criteria and is better aligned with a service delivery model. The panel proposes that the project be supported through surplus Community Partnerships funding.
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING	\$20,000.00		

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
REMAINING FUNDS FOR 2024-25: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	\$99,735.40

2024-25 Funding allocations: Community Investment Program

Fee Support

Under the current Community Investment Program Guidelines for Connect and Creative, applicants seeking fee support **only** (waivers for use of a Council venue, facility, or service) may apply anytime throughout the financial year and are not required to wait for an open round. Applications are assessed on a rolling basis and approved by delegation of the General Manager. The approved Fee Support allocations for 24/25 are outlined in the table below.

2024-25 Fee Support allocations (approved outside of open rounds)

Community Connect

Date of approval	Recipient	Event	Venue/service	Value of fee support
15/10/2024	St Luke's Anglican Church	Christmas Street Party	Road closure	\$3,007.33
09/10/2024	Coogee Seahorses	Presentation Day	Randwick Community Centre	\$577.50
11/10/2024	Australian Breastfeeding Association	Support & education for new parents	Kensington Park CC and Randwick Sustainable Classroom	\$936
2/10/2024	Randwick Warriors	Presentation Evening	Randwick Community Centre	\$487.50
26/09/2024	Souths Cares	Junior League Clinic	Heffron Park	\$105
28/08/2024	La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council	Na Joomelah healthy lifestyle program	Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall	\$432
30/08/2024	NSW WIRES	Wildlife Rescue and Immediate Care workshop	Randwick Community Centre	\$840
23/08/2024	Volleyball NSW	NSW Beach Volleyball Tour	Maroubra Beach hire	\$1,500
24/07/2024	Irish Family Events	Halloween Picnic	Randwick Community Centre	\$450
26/07/2024	Clovelly SLSC	Proficiency sessions	DRLC	\$1,010
08/08/2024	Ha'Tzofim Australia	Israeli Scouts	Randwick Community Centre	\$3,118.50
16/07/2024	Irish Family Events	Community Christmas Party	Prince Henry Centre	\$3,470

2024-25 Fee Support allocations (approved outside of open rounds)

23/07/2024	Sydney U3A Inc.	Discussion Groups	Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	\$1,610
18/07/2024	Filipino Australian Community Association	Filipino Fiesta	Alison Park	\$1,713
18/07/2024	Hope and Heal	Urban Retreat for DFV survivors	Randwick Community Centre	\$840
16/07/2024	Mauritian Chinese Circle of Sydney	Seniors Cultural Group	Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	\$812
16/07/2024	St George Orthodox Church	Kensington Community Fete	Road closure, waste management	\$4,979
18/07/2024	CASS Care	Seniors' Sense of Community project	Kensington Park Community Centre	\$3,444
28/06/2024	South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club	Pool Proficiency Evaluations	DRLC	\$1,844.80
27/06/2024	Clovelly Child Care Centre	INTEGRITY Trial	Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	\$2,310
27/06/2024	Indonesian Welfare Association	Maroubra Group	Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	\$5,522.50
25/06/2024	Souths Cares Inc.	NAIDOC Festival	Heffron Park	\$1,221
Total				\$42,903.13

Community Creative

Date of approval	Recipient	Event	Venue/service	Value of fee support
08/08/2024	Colombia in Australia Assoc.	Children's Christmas Party	Kensington Park Community Centre	\$293.75
11/07/2024	Five Star Seniors	Alma Seniors Group	Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	\$4,782.25
Total				\$5,076.00

Mayor's Community Contingency Fund

Allocations for 2024-25 are listed in the table below.

2024-25 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)	\$1,000.00
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2024-25 Contingency Fund allocations

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	\$5,000.00
	Annual contribution (5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26) of \$2,000 for the Lights for Kids Campaign - Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation	\$2,000.00
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)	\$1,000.00
Ord Council – 25 July 2023	Annual contribution (2 years from 2023-2024): For Maroubra Charity Car Show to be held on 17 September 2023 at Broadarrow Reserve	\$10,506.27
	\$4,306.27 in-kind waiving of fees; \$6,200 cash contribution Council commits to supporting the event in 2024 additionally by way of in-kind and donation contribution to the same value as that of 2023	
Total (ongoing annual contributions)		\$19,506.27
One-off allocations		
Ord Council - 23 July 2024	Contribution to Randwick City Football Club for the Purple Hearts program	\$1,000.00
	Donation of a worm farm to Rehab2Kids (Sydney Children's Hospital)	\$220.00
	Cost of security services – July Council meeting	\$1,080.00
	Waiving of licence fee (July-Dec) for Surfing NSW	\$10,000.60
	Waiving of fees for Sydney Marathon towards the 2024 Marathon event	\$2,337.00
Total (month)		\$14,637.60
Ord Council – 27 August 2024	Donation of plants to the Coast Centre for Seniors for the Artisan Markets event	\$500.00
	Waiving of fees for the Maroubra Diggers Swimming Carnival at DRLC	\$1,275.00
	Contribution to Kensington Public School for their 125 th Anniversary event	\$1,000.00
	Waiving of fees for the Matraville Tigers Junior Rugby League Football Club for their presentation evening at DRLC	\$500.00
	Contribution to the cost of catering for EastFest to be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church	\$500.00
	Contribution to the La Perouse Panthers to participate in the 2024 Koori Knockout carnival	\$1,000.00
	Waiving of fees for Cricket NSW for the hire of Maroubra Beach to conduct the season launch of Junior Club Cricket	\$737.00

2024-25 Contingency Fund allocations

	Donation of plants to St Spyridon College for their science garden sustainability project	\$500.00
	Waving of fees and contribution to IndigiGrow for their stall at Eco Living Festival	\$1,000.00
	Total (month)	\$7,012.00
Extraordinary – 8 October 2024	Waiving of fees for Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for street banners and beach hire to conduct the RunSwim event	\$9,465.00
	Waiving of fees for Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for beach hire to conduct the Coogee Island Challenge event	\$6,488.00
	Total (month)	\$15,953.00
Ord Council – 22 October 2024	Waiving of fees for waste management and plant donation for South Coogee Public School P&C for their 'Fiesta' event	\$1,993.25
	Donation of plants to Coogee Public School for their Trivia Night event	\$500
	Contribution to the La Perouse United Men's Fishing Group towards their cultural camp event	\$4,000
	Total (month)	\$6,493.25
Running total: 2024-25		\$63,602.12
BUDGET		\$109,710
REMAINING		\$46,107.88

Community Connect

The status of the current Community Connect budget is shown below.

Community Connect					
	Annually	July 2024 round allocation	October 2024 round allocation	February 2025 round allocation	Remaining funds
TOTAL	\$186,300	\$54,923.00	\$36,930.00	\$0.00	\$51,543.87
Fee Support allocated between rounds		\$42,903.13		\$0.00	
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS 2024-25				\$134,756.13	
Budget remaining				\$51,543.87	

Community Creative

The status of the current Community Creative budget is shown below.

Community Creative					
	Annually	July 2024 round allocation	October 2024 round allocation	February 2025 round allocation	Remaining funds
TOTAL	\$186,300	\$57,250.00	\$54,570.00	\$0.00	\$69,404.00

Community Creative			
Fee Support allocated between rounds	\$5,076.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS 2024-25			\$116,896.00
Budget remaining			\$69,404.00

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.

Risks

Identified risks include non-delivery or unsatisfactory delivery of the funded projects. This risk is managed through provision of detailed Funding Agreements for grant recipients on offer of funding, through to ongoing communication and support provided by the Community Development team, and implementation and monitoring of acquittal requirements.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The funding allocations are progressing in accordance with the adopted budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 377

[Community Connect - Application and Funding Guidelines](#)

[Community Creative - Application and Funding Guidelines.](#)

[Community Partnerships – Application and Funding Guidelines.](#)

Conclusion

The Community Investment Program enables the Randwick community to see their ideas and innovations come to life while providing residents with access to inclusive programs, events, and services.

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

File Reference: F2020/00336

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC25/24

Subject: Report back - Commemoration for French Explorer, Jean-Francois de Galaup, Comte de La Perouse

Executive Summary

- This Report is in response to a Resolution of Council (D'Souza/Andrews) at the July 2020 Ordinary Council meeting regarding a proposed commemoration of the French explorer Lapérouse.
- It is proposed that this is put to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust for consideration and that this is considered as part of the wider Museum and Headland Masterplan for a First Nations Museum and Cultural Precinct.

Recommendation

That Council notes that the proposal to consider a commemoration to French explorer Lapérouse will be referred to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CC25/24

Purpose

At its meeting of 20 July 2020 Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Andrews) that:

- a) Council consider a permanent commemoration to celebrate the great French explorer, Jean-François de Galaup, Comte de La Pérouse an experienced naval officer and skilled navigator, who lead an expedition around the world and to explore the Pacific;
- b) as Council continues in its project to celebrate and build a museum dedicated to French, British and Indigenous culture at La Perouse, 'The La Perouse Museum', it considers erecting a permanent commemoration of the great explorer the suburb is named after, before the 250th Anniversary of La Perouse's visit to Botany Bay, 26th of January 1788;
- c) Council approach the French Government, the Federal and State government to seek funding and support for this project which would strengthen Franco Australian relations; and
- d) a report be brought back to Council considering the feasibility and cost of the project.

The purpose of this Report is to propose to Council that this matter be deferred to the La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust for consideration.

Discussion

The La Perouse Headland contains numerous identified state-listed cultural heritage sites that include the 1882 Cable Station Building (La Perouse Museum) and the 1829 Lapérouse Monument. The Monument and Museum stand in close proximity to each other as a powerful reminder of French presence in Australia.

It is important to recognise that the existing Lapérouse Monument stands as a permanent and high-profile commemoration of Lapérouse. These structures are used regularly to commemorate the achievement and legacy of Lapérouse's exploration, notably on Bastille Day, during regular French navy visits and through exhibitions and interpretation within the Museum itself.

Randwick Council provides management and upkeep of the Lapérouse monument as part of Council's obligations to the Management Agreement in place with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The French government, through the Consul General, contribute a modest annual fee to Council to contribute towards the maintenance and upkeeping the Lapérouse monument and tomb of Pere Receveur.

First Nations Museum & Cultural Precinct

The projected First Nations Museum and Cultural Precinct redevelopment, with further reporting to come to Council, will see a renewed suite of strategic documents, masterplans and architectural plans that re-imagine the Museum and Headland. Any proposals to consider permanent commemorations would need to be considered within this project with adequate consultation with all relevant stakeholders and community members.

The matter regarding any commemorations can be referred to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust for consideration and discussion.

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 the number of places by 20% that are available for people to participate in art and culture by 2031, using the 2019 cultural mapping baseline
Delivery program commitment	Transform La Perouse Museum into a flagship cultural hub and facility to increase artist and cultural engagement by 80% by 2031.
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	Increase visitation of La Perouse Museum by 20% through a diverse set of programming and exhibitions by 2027.

Risks

Given the sensitive heritage nature of working on the La Perouse Headland, there are inherent risks that need to be documented. These include but are not exclusive to:

- Changes and alterations made to State Heritage listed items.
- Management of stakeholders including French diplomatic representatives and National Park and Wildlife Services NSW.
- Security and vandalism issues for outdoor signage.
- Strategic consideration of the Headland and guiding documents

These risks will be considered as part of the discussion with the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Any financial implications will be considered in an existing or future budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Heritage Act of 1977

NPWS Plan of Management Kamay Botany Bay.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council defer this Notice of Motion to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust for consideration.

Responsible officer: Blake Griffiths, Head La Perouse Museum

File Reference: F2019/01349

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC26/24

Subject: Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Retention Payment Grant Opportunity

Executive Summary

- On 8 August 2024 the Federal Government announced an investment of \$3.6 billion in Early Childhood and Education Care (ECEC) services aimed at funding a 15% increase for ECEC workers phased in over two years (10% in the first year and 5% in the second year).
- The Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Retention Payment grant is available through the Commonwealth Department of Education.
- Council is intending to apply for the grant. If successful, the funding over two years will be directed to the salaries and on-costs for Early Childhood Educators employed at Moverly Children's Centre.
- The subsidy period is 2 December 2024 to 30 November 2026 and the period-end is set to coincide with the review of the 2023 – 2026 NSW Local Government (State) Award.

Recommendation

That Council notes the intention to submit an application for the Early Childhood Education and Care Worker Retention Payment grant offered by the Commonwealth Department of Education.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CC26/24

Purpose

This report informs Councillors that Randwick City Council intends to submit an application for the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Worker Retention Payment grant offered by the Commonwealth Department of Education.

Discussion

The Commonwealth Department of Education is offering funding for eligible ECEC providers to support an ECEC wage increase from December 2024.

The payment will support a 15% wage increase over two years. In the first year, 10% is awarded on top of national Award rates, and an additional 5% is awarded in the second year.

The period of the grant is 2 December 2024 to 30 November 2026. The period-end is set to coincide with the review of the 2023 – 2026 NSW Local Government (State) Award.

Funding calculations are based on the expected monthly labour costs, including salary and on-costs such as superannuation contributions, employee entitlements, leave loading, workers compensation insurance and payroll tax. Payments are made one month in arrears through the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) System.

Randwick City Council meets the conditions of the grant guidelines through the workplace instrument, Local Government (State) Award 2023 registered with the Industrial Relations Commission. The Early Childhood Educators employed at the Moverly Children’s Centre are eligible to receive the retention payment.

The grant opportunity is opt-in.

Councillors will be notified of the outcome of the grant application.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	People Management
Function	Workforce Management
Delivery program commitment	Implement the Workforce Management Strategy

Risks

Financial

- There is potential financial liability posed for Council to maintain the wage increase after the grant period, being after 30 November 2026. This risk has been considered by the Commonwealth Department of Education in determining the grant-end to coincide with the review of the workplace instrument, 2023 – 2026 Local Government (State) Award. There is an assumption made that the revised workplace instrument (Award) will sustain the increased wage into the future.
- If this is the case Council would need to find additional funding post 2026 when the grant ends. This would be factored into our long term plans going forward for Council to consider.
- There would be an option to consider increasing childcare fees by a set percentage to partially off-set the cost increase. The increase to service fees is limited by the Government.

- This estimated amount is considered to be approximately an additional \$190 00.00 per year. Further information on this would come back to Council for consideration.

Reputational/Resource

- The risk of not progressing with the Worker Retention grant is the impact on staff and the industry, as well as potential loss of staff at Council's Childcare Centre.

Resourcing Strategy implications

N/A

Policy and legislative requirements

N/A

Conclusion

Randwick City Council intends to submit an application for the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Worker Retention Payment grant available through the Commonwealth Department of Education. The payment will support a 15% wage increase over two years, funding will be directed to the salaries and on-costs for Early Childhood Educators employed at the Moverly Children's Centre. The subsidy period is 2 December 2024 to 30 November 2026 and the period-end is set to coincide with the review of the 2023 – 2026 NSW Local Government (State) Award.

Responsible officer: Trina Soulos, Manager Community Development

File Reference: F2006/00726

CC26/24

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC27/24

Subject: Australia Day Celebrations with Surf Life Saving Clubs - Report Back

Executive Summary

- This Report is in response to a resolution of Council (Said/Burst) at the February 2024 Ordinary Council meeting regarding holding information discussions with local Surf Clbs regarding Australia Day 2025.
- Accordingly Council staff consulted with the four local clubs to learn about their Australia Day activities and assess any interest in partnering with Council to host collaborative events for 2025.
- The feedback with the Club representatives was that whilst very appreciative of Council's ongoing support, their primary responsibilities during the summer season and in particular this public holiday are managing beach and crowd safety and operations, making it an unsuitable time to host community events due to limited resources.
- Surf Clubs however requested Council support in promoting community water safety education and CPR programs, including assistance with communications, and promotional activities via Council channels such as social media and the website.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the outcomes of the conversations held with the four local Surf Life Saving Clubs, and not proceed with a partnered event on 26 January due to competing priorities on the public holiday;
- b) explore ongoing opportunities to support Surf Lifesaving clubs through various means, including communications and the promotion of existing programs and events via Council social media and communications channels; *and*
- c) note the annual Randwick Council Australia Day program which includes hosting a community event at Kensington Park from 11am to 2pm on 26 January 2026 alongside the Australia Day Citizenship and Community Service Awards 9.30am – 11am, and the *Culture on Country* First Nations event at La Perouse from 4pm to 7pm.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CC27/24

Purpose

At its meeting held on 27 February 2024, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Said/Burst) that:

- a) *Council officers hold informal discussions with our LGA's four Surf Life Saving Clubs regarding Australia Day 2025; and*
- b) *Council brings back a report to consider holding Australia Day Celebrations in conjunction with our LGA's four Surf Life Saving Clubs.*

The purpose of this Report is to present to Council the investigative findings in response to the above Resolution, following consultation with the four Surf Life Saving Clubs in the LGA, and to seek endorsement on the recommendation not to undertake a collaborative Australia Day program due the Clubs' limited resources and priorities. The report also outlines the plans and activities being delivered by Council on Australia Day 2026.

Discussion

In July and August 2024, Council staff consulted with senior representatives from Randwick's main local surf clubs to learn about their current Australia Day activities and to gauge their interest in hosting Australia Day events with Council support.

The following clubs were contacted:

- Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club
- Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club
- South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club
- Coogee Surf Life Saving Club

The findings showed that whilst the Clubs are very appreciative and in need of Council's ongoing support, there was little appetite to take part in a collaborative Australia Day program of events and festivities.

South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club advised that they already have an established Australia Day event and do not require Council support.

The other clubs consulted that do not currently hold Australia Day events, advised that their focus during the busy summer public holiday is to manage the crowded beaches and visitor safety. While they would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with council to produce an event for the community, there was a general sentiment that Australia Day is not the best timing for such activities. Additionally, they noted a lack of volunteer resources to plan and manage an event.

Based on the consultation as documented, this Report recommends for Council not to proceed with planning for Australia Day celebrations in partnership with Randwick's four Surf Life Saving Clubs.

However, there may be other opportunities for collaboration. Several Clubs expressed interest in receiving Council support in different areas, such as membership drives and promoting their community water safety education and CPR programs. They would benefit from assistance with communications, promotional activities and campaigns and promotion through Council channels (such as social media and the website).

It is therefore recommended that Council explores supporting the Clubs via promotion of relevant campaigns, capacity building, and other forms of in-kind and links to external assistance and funding.

The events and activities that will be delivered on Australia Day 2025 include:

1. Australia Day Citizenships and Community Service Awards

9.00am – 11am, Prince Henry Centre

A civic ceremony held on Australia Day to welcome new citizens to Randwick and present the annual Community Service Awards.

2. Australia Day Community Event at Kensington Oval

11am- 2pm, Kensington Oval

A free community event to bring the community together to celebrate Australia Day. A range of family-friendly activities and programming, including live music, face painting, roving performers, food trucks, and short speeches.

3. Culture on Country at La Perouse

4pm – 7pm, La Perouse Headland in front of the La Perouse Museum

An annual concert celebrating some of the best and up-and-coming Aboriginal musicians and performers. Culture on Country was first held in 2022 and was initiated by Bidjigal Elder and renowned musician Uncle Vic Simms as a way of recognising the First Nations community and connection to La Perouse.

Strategic alignment

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

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

Risks

Limited resources

- The risk to Surf Clubs diverting their resources for beach safety on a busy public holiday to deliver an activity in partnership with Council outweighs the opportunity for an event on Australia Day.

Lost opportunity

- Council maintains strong partnerships with the Surf Clubs across many other projects, with an opportunity to support further through communications support.

Community expectation

- Council will continue to deliver its usual events on Australia Day, offering a diverse range of activities for the community to attend. This includes a community event as well as an event led by our First Nations community.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no financial or resourcing implications related to the recommendations in this Report. Australia Day activities are included in the 2024-25 budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Nil.

Conclusion

While the local Surf Life Saving clubs have shown interest in collaborating with Council, the timing of Australia Day events and the limited volunteer resources available make it unfeasible to consider holding collaborative Australia Day events in 2025.

Council will continue to support and collaborate with the Surf Life Saving Clubs in other areas such promotion of events and by offering assistance with communications.

A range of activities will be delivered by Council on 26 January 2025 in different locations.

Responsible officer: Brooke McDonald, Events Production Supervisor

File Reference: F2021/00020

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO51/24

Subject: 2024-25 Quarterly Progress Report

Executive Summary

- Progress Reports provide an update on the progress towards the implementation of the four-year Delivery Program 2022-26 and one-year Operational Plan 2024-25.
- The Randwick City Council Operational Plan 2024-25 contains 178 activities reported in Table A relating to the Community Strategic Plan and Informing Strategies and 164 activities relating to the provision of services required by our community and complying with regulatory functions.
- This report provides Council's progress results for the period from 1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024 (Q1).
- Of the total 342 indicators, 94% have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year or have not yet commenced this quarter.
- Of the Table A activities, 98% have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year or have not yet commenced this quarter.
- 89% of Table B have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year or have not yet commenced this quarter.

Recommendation

That the information contained in the attached Quarterly Progress Report for the 2024-25 Operational Plan be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2024-25 Q1 Quarterly Report - Table A and Table B Results

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present 2024-25 Quarterly Progress to the Council.

The Quarterly Progress Report is a report on progress of the implementation of the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2024-25.

This Report covers the progress over the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year.

Discussion

The 2022-26 Delivery Program was adopted in June 2022 and covers the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

The Delivery Program is a four-year program outlining how Council will work towards:

- a. Delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (CSP); and
- b. Provide the ongoing services required by our community and comply with regulatory functions.

The Operational Plan details the individual projects and actions that will be undertaken each financial year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program. Each Operational Plan activity has at least one indicator to track performance against identified targets. The 2024-25 Operational Plan was adopted in June 2024 and is for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Projects, programs, and services are categorized into Table A for Informing Strategy activity and Table B for regulatory and regular services provided by Council.

What we measure

2024-25 Progress Reports include two types of performance indicators:

- 1. Indicators which show progress towards an objective or deliverable, for example an agreed work plan
- 2. Indicators which measure success in achieving a goal such as resolving 95% of service requests within the service level agreement period.





How we measure progress





The progress report is presented in two tables:

Table A: Tracks progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan and the seven Informing Strategies.

Table B: Tracks performance in providing the ongoing regulatory and council services required by our community.

Performance is measured against the target value for each indicator. A progress indicator for each activity is provided for easy reference. This table provides examples of performance results and the corresponding progress indicators:

Performance Result	Example	Progress Indicator
Target achieved for year	Completed an amenity block upgrade project	
Target achieved for quarter	SLA of 90% for requests in quarter	
Partially completed project	25% of nominated bushland regenerated	
Target partially achieved	Completed 34 of 100 bookings	

Performance Result	Example	Progress Indicator
Maximum not exceeded	Serviced 20 litter bins of a maximum 500 service requests in year	
Project not started	Construction of new park	
Not achieved by target date	Complete 100% of review of draft policy in Q1	
Not achieved in the quarter	Inspected only 10 of 15 nominated drains	

Below is the summary of progress indicators in the Progress Report:

 Achieved  On track  Not started  Not achieved

Summary of Performance

In Quarter 1, there were 342 indicators tracking progress of the Operational Plan activities scheduled in the quarter:

- 178 indicators measured progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan and seven informing strategies (Table A)
- 164 indicators measured progress in providing the ongoing services required by our community and complying with regulatory obligations (Table B)

A summary of performance tracking for July – September 2024 is provided below. Contextual numbers are not included:

All Progress Indicators – 342 Indicators

Of the total 342 indicators, **94%** have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year or have not yet commenced this quarter.

2024-25 Q1 Highlights in delivering outcomes from the Informing Strategies

- 2,735 plantings across various sites in conjunction with Council's Bushcare team, 'Plant with Us' programs and park and street garden plantings and a further 875 trees with the Greening the City program
- Supporting artists: three artists were supported in residence at Barrett House and two groups of artists (six artists total) were supported through a new residency at Randwick Literary Institute
- Completed the draft Affordable Housing Strategy to present to Council in November 2024
- Identified the priority bus stops for remedial works. This program will be progressively implemented over the next four years
- Provided 13 rebates under the rebates program for the installation of EV charges in the first quarter
- Completed the draft master plan for upgrading amenities at Burrows Park.
- The night-time activity audit commenced with a music venue audit and live music sector survey issued in September to assess the status of Randwick's performers and live music venues.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:

Service area	Change and Performance Service
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Function	Performance Management
Delivery program commitment	Identify, measure and develop the performance of Council.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no direct financial implications for this report. The 2024-25 Annual Budget has been developed to ensure that Council maintains financial sustainability, adequate liquidity, and sound asset performance.

Policy and legislative requirements

In accordance with Section 404(5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to make at least two progress reports with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program each year. Randwick Council currently provides these reports on a quarterly basis in addition to the Annual Report.

Conclusion

The purpose of the attached Quarterly Progress Report is to inform and update the Council and community on the Q1 progress of all projects, programs, and services as set out in the adopted 2024-25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Responsible officer: Edel Dickson, Coordinator Corporate Planning and Performance

File Reference: F2023/03001

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO52/24

Subject: 2023-24 Annual Report and 2021-24 State of our City Report

Executive Summary

The **2023-24 Annual Report** includes:

- Our achievements and performance during the 2023-24 financial year in relation to the implementation of our delivery program
- Statutory Information as required under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and other legislation
- The **2023-24 Financial Statements** which were presented at the 22 October 2024 council meeting
- The **2021-24 State of our City Report**. The ordinary elections were conducted in September 2024, so therefore the 2023-24 Annual Report also includes the 2021-24 State of our City Report which details the progress towards implementing the Community Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 over the previous council term.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the Randwick City Council 2023-24 Annual Report (including the 2023-24 audited Financial Statements and the 2021-24 State of our City Report) be endorsed by Council;
- b) the General Manager be authorised to make any minor administrative changes to the Annual Report if required; and
- c) a copy of the Annual Report (and associated reports) be posted on Council's website and subsequent advice made to the Minister for Local Government as to the specific URL.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2023-24 Annual Report
2. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2023-24 Financial Statements
3. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2021-24 State of our City Report

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the 2023-24 Annual Report (including the 2023-24 audited Financial Statements and the 2021-24 State of our City Report) to Council for endorsement.

Discussion

2023-24 Annual Report

The Annual Report is a key accountability mechanism between Council and the community in response to the implementation of our 2022-23 Community Strategic Plan.

The vision and long-term goals of the Community Strategic Plan are realised through our delivery program, and each year the Annual Report outlines our achievements in implementing the delivery program commitments based on the Operational Plan actions over the previous financial year.

The 2023-24 Annual Report will report on the implementation of the 2023-24 Operational Plan and is divided into six parts:

- **Part 1: Introduction**
This part explains the purpose and structure the Report.
- **Part 2: About Randwick City**
This part provides background information about our City and our Council.
- **Part 3: Delivery Program report**
This part reports on our 2023-24 operational plan activities, capital works and service reviews.
 - Section 3.1 details how Council delivered the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (Table A)
 - Section 3.2 details how Council delivered the ongoing services required by our community and comply with regulatory obligations (Table B)
 - Section 3.3 provides progress in delivering the capital works program
 - Section 3.4 details progress in delivering the service review program
- **Part 4: Financial report**
This part provides a detailed budget for activities in the 2023-24 financial year.
- **Part 5: Statutory information report**
This part presents statutory information required under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and other legislation.
- **Part 6: Partnerships and awards**
This part lists some of the key partnerships and awards we received in recognition of collaborative and best practice achievements.

Some of the highlights in the 2023-24 Annual Report include:

- Reducing emissions by supporting the community with 1,145 sustainability rebates and installing 5,190kw of solar. This brings the total solar capacity within the Randwick City area to more than 43,865kW;
- Greening our city. We planted 5,295 new native and indigenous trees, plants, and shrubs;
- Delivering active transport infrastructure, by opening the Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway;
- Creating a sense of community. We distributed nearly \$600,000 in grants to support community projects and the work of artists and musicians. We delivered major public events, such as The Spot Festival, numerous exhibitions, the summer pop-up music program, Coogee Carols, Coogee Sparkles and again worked in partnership with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council to deliver Koojay Corroboree.

- Supporting those most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis. Together with partners, we provided emergency and transitional housing to people experiencing homelessness – including those impacted by domestic and family violence – and delivered thousands of meals to people in need;
- Improving community facilities. We officially opened the new Splash Park at Des Renford Leisure Centre, constructed a new amenities building at South Maroubra beach for beachgoers and Coastal Walkway users, built fun new playgrounds in Fitzpatrick Park, Ella Reserve and Alison Park, completed Waratah Plaza, and opened the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall;
- Built or upgraded 3.66km of footpaths, resurfaced 5.79km of roads.

Annual Progress Report Indicators

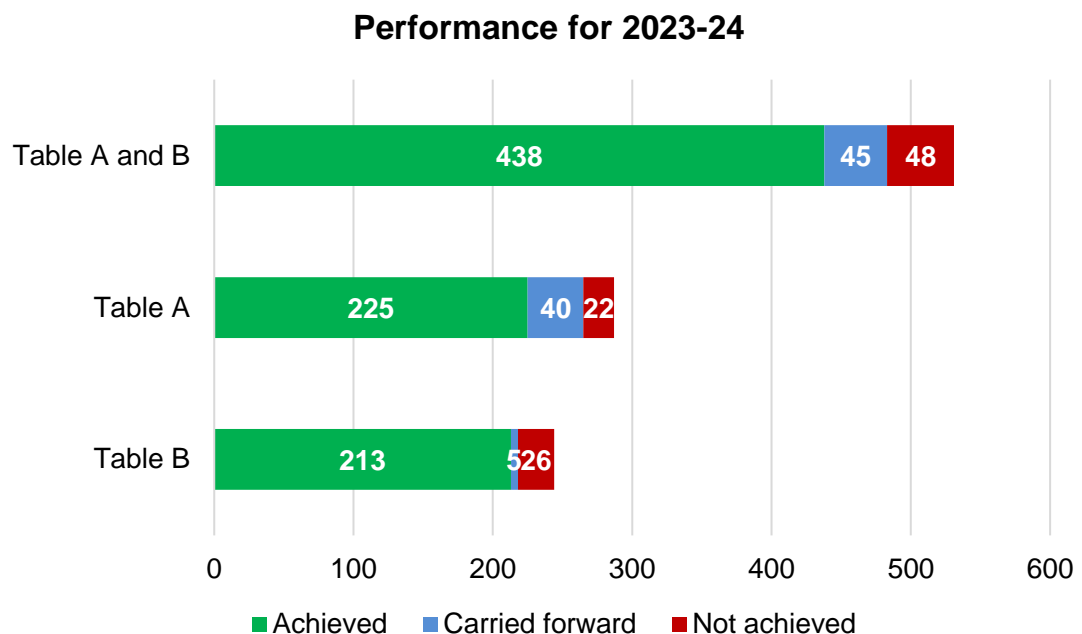
In the July 2023 - June 2024 year, there were 531 indicators tracking progress of the operational plan activities scheduled throughout the year:

- 287 indicators measured progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (Table A)
- 244 indicators measured progress in providing the ongoing services required by our community and complying with regulatory obligations (Table B)

Overall performance tracking (Table A and B)

- Of the 287 Community Strategic Plan indicators (Table A), 92% have been achieved or carried forward to the 2024-25 financial year;
- Of the 244 regulatory and ongoing service indicators (Table B), 90% have been achieved or carried forward to the 2024-25 financial year
- Overall, 91% of indicators were achieved or carried forward in 2024-25.

This table shows the summary of performance for the 2023-24 year:



Projects and activities carried over into 2024-25 Financial Year

As indicated in the performance chart, 45 activities or projects were carried forward to the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

2023-24 Audited Financial Statements

In accordance with section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council’s audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2024, were presented at the Council meeting on 22 October 2024.

The audited Financial Statements have been submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government, and a public notice was issued informing the community that the 2023-24 Financial Statements was presented at the Council meeting on 22 October 2024. In line with section 420 of the Local Government Act, the public was invited to make submissions, which was referred to Council’s Auditor for consideration.

2021-24 State of our City Report

In the year of an ordinary Council election, the Annual Report must also report on council’s achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous council term. This information is provided in a separate report, referred to as the **State of our City Report**.

The attached 2021-24 State of our City Report measures progress in delivering the 2022-32 Randwick City Plan outcomes by considering:

- Key achievements and progress in implementing the Delivery Program
A discussion of progress and achievements is provided under each of the strategic areas.
- Performance against the Community Strategic Plan Indicators
A quantitative assessment of progress through the relevant indicators is provided under each of the strategic areas.

These indicators were developed to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of activities undertaken by Council, other organisations, and the community in achieving the outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan. Many of the indicators use information gathered through our community satisfaction survey.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Change and Performance Service
Function	Performance Management
Delivery program commitment	Identify, measure and develop the performance of Council.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Policy and legislative requirements

Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires NSW councils to prepare an annual report within five months of the end of the financial year. The report must outline the council’s achievements in implementing its Delivery Program and provide prescribed statutory information as required in the regulations and associated integrated planning and reporting guidelines.

Section 428(4)(a) of the Act also stipulates that a copy of Council’s audited financial reports must be contained within the annual report.

Section 428(2) of the Act states ‘The annual report in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is to be held must also report as to the council’s achievements in implementing the

community strategic plan over the previous 4 years.' This information is provided in the attached 2021-24 State of our City Report. Note: this council term was reduced due to the postponement of the local government election during the COVID pandemic from Sept 2020 to Dec 2021.

Conclusion

The attached Annual Report (including the Financial Statements and the State of our City Report) provides an account to the community of Council's progress in meeting objectives as set out in the Community Strategic Plan; and satisfies our statutory reporting obligations.

Council's financial performance remains sound.

Responsible officer: Edel Dickson, Coordinator Corporate Planning and Performance

File Reference: F2023/03001

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO53/24

Subject: Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics

Executive Summary

- Under part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct 2020 (*Reporting Statistics on Code of Conduct Complaints About Councillors and the General Manager*) Code of Conduct statistics must be reported to Council within 3 months of the end of September of each year.
- There have been four (4) Code of Conduct complaints against Councillors or the General Manager during the reporting period (September 2023 – September 2024).

Recommendation

That the Code of Conduct statistics for the period September 2023 to September 2024 be forwarded to the Office of Local Government in accordance with part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct 2020.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

This report addresses part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct (*Reporting Statistics on Code of Conduct Complaints About Councillors and the General Manager*), which requires Council's Complaints Coordinator to arrange for the Code of Conduct complaint statistics to be reported to Council within three (3) months of the end of September of each year.

Discussion

Part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct (Reporting on Complaints Statistics) requires:

- “11.1 The complaints coordinator must arrange for the following statistics to be reported to the council within 3 months of the end of September of each year:
- a) The total number of code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the general manager under the code of conduct in the year to September (the reporting period);
 - b) The number of code of conduct complaints referred to a conduct reviewer during the reporting period;
 - c) The number of code of conduct complaints finalised by a conduct reviewer at the preliminary assessment stage during the reporting period and the outcome of those complaints;
 - d) The number of code of conduct complaints investigated by a conduct reviewer during the reporting period;
 - e) Without identifying particular matters, the outcome of investigations completed under these procedures during the reporting period;
 - f) The number of matters reviewed by the Office during the reporting period and, without identifying particular matters, the outcome of the reviews, and
 - g) The total cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the general manager during the reporting period, including staff costs.
- 11.2 The council is to provide the Office with a report containing the statistics referred to in clause 11.1 within 3 months of the end of September each year.”

The following is a summary of Code of Conduct complaint statistics for the period September 2023 to September 2024:

Number of Complaints		
1	The total number of complaints received in the reporting period about Councillors and the General Manager (GM) under the code of conduct from the following sources:	
i	Community	3
ii	Other Councillors	3
iii	General Manager	0
iv	Other Council Staff	0
2	The total number of complaints <u>finalised</u> about Councillors and the GM under the code of conduct in the following periods:	
i	3 Months	4
ii	6 Months	0
iii	9 Months	1
iv	12 Months	0

v	Over 12 months	0	
Overview of Complaints and Cost			
3	a	The number of complaints finalised at the outset by alternative means by the GM or Mayor	0
	b	The number of complaints referred to the Office of Local Government (OLG) under a special complaints management arrangement	0
	c	The number of code of conduct complaints referred to a conduct reviewer	5
	d	The number of code of conduct complaints finalised at preliminary assessment by conduct reviewer	1
	e	The number of code of conduct complaints referred back to GM or Mayor for resolution after preliminary assessment by conduct reviewer	3
	f	The number of finalised code of conduct complaints investigated by a conduct reviewer	1
	g	Cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints via preliminary assessment	28387.07
	h	Progressed to full investigation by a conduct reviewer	1
	i	The number of finalised complaints investigated where there was found to be no breach	0
	j	The number of finalised complaints investigated where there was found to be a breach	1
	k	The number of complaints referred by the GM or Mayor to another agency or body such as the ICAC, the NSW Ombudsman, OLG or the Police	
	i	ICAC	0
	ii	NSW Ombudsman	0
	iii	OLG	0
	iv	Police	0
	v	Other Agency (please specify)	0
	l	The number of complaints being investigated that are not yet finalised	0
	m	The total cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints within the period made about councillors and the GM including staff costs	28387.07

Preliminary Assessment Statistics

4	The number of complaints determined by the conduct reviewer at the preliminary assessment stage by each of the following actions:		
a	To take no action (clause 6.13(a) of the 2020 Procedures)		1
b	To resolve the complaint by alternative and appropriate strategies (clause 6.13(b) of the 2020 Procedures)		0
c	To refer the matter back to the GM or the Mayor, for resolution by alternative and appropriate strategies (clause 6.13(c) of the 2020 Procedures)		3
d	To refer the matter to another agency or body such as the ICAC, the NSW Ombudsman, OLG or the Police (clause 6.13(d) of the 2020 Procedures)		0
e	To investigate the matter (clause 6.13(e) of the 2020 Procedures)		1

f Other action (please specify)

0

Investigation Statistics

5 The number of investigated complaints resulting in a determination that there was **no breach**, in which the following recommendations were made:

a That the council revise its policies or procedures

0

b That a person or persons undertake training or other education (clause 7.40 of the 2020 Procedures)

0

6 The number of investigated complaints resulting in a determination that there **was a breach** in which the following recommendations were made:

a That the council revise any of its policies or procedures (clause 7.39 of the 2020 Procedures)

0

b In the case of a breach by the GM, that action be taken under the GM's contract for the breach (clause 7.37(a) of the 2020 Procedures)

0

c In the case of a breach by a Councillor, that the Councillor be formally censured for the breach under section 440G of the Local Government Act 1993 (clause 7.37(b) of the 2020 Procedures)

0

d In the case of a breach by a Councillor, that the Councillor be formally censured for the breach under section 440G of the Local Government Act 1993 and that the matter be referred to OLG for further action (clause 7.37(c) of the 2020 Procedures)

1

7 Matter referred or resolved after commencement of an investigation (clause 7.20 of the 2020 Procedures)

0

Categories of misconduct

8 The number of investigated complaints resulting in a determination that there was a breach with respect to each of the following categories of conduct:

a General conduct (Part 3)

1

b Non-pecuniary conflict of interest (Part 5)

0

c Personal benefit (Part 6)

0

d Relationship between council officials (Part 7)

0

e Access to information and resources (Part 8)

0

Outcome of determinations

9 The number of investigated complaints resulting in a determination that there was a breach in which the council:

a Adopted the independent conduct reviewer's recommendation

1

b Failed to adopt the independent conduct reviewer's recommendation

0

10 The number of investigated complaints resulting in a determination where:

a The external conduct reviewer's decision was overturned by OLG

0

b Council's response to the external conduct reviewer's recommendation was overturned by OLG

0

11 Date Code of Conduct data was presented to council

26-Nov-24

Strategic alignment

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

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

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Resourcing Strategy implications

N/A.

Policy and legislative requirements

Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct 2020.

Conclusion

The reporting of Code of Conduct complaints is a requirement under part 11 of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct.

Responsible officer: Julie Hartshorn, Coordinator Administration

File Reference: F2004/06569

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO54/24

Subject: 2025 Council Meeting Schedule



Executive Summary

- A draft meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year has been prepared (based on the practice of past years) and is attached for Council's endorsement.

Recommendation

That the Council meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year be adopted.

Attachment/s:

1.   2025 Draft Council Meeting Schedule

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Purpose

This report suggests a Council meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year.

Discussion

A draft meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year has been prepared (based on the practice of past years) and is attached for Council’s endorsement. The Local Government Act 1993 (section 365) requires Council to meet at least ten (10) times each year.

The first ordinary Council meeting of the new year is proposed to be held on the Tuesday 25 February 2025. The schedule for the remainder of the year is in line with past practice (ie. Council meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month) with the following exceptions:

Meeting	Proposed date	Reason
April Council meeting	5 th Tuesday (29 April 2025)	Easter holidays (18-21 April 2025) and Anzac Day (25 April 2025)
July Council meeting	5 th Tuesday (29 July 2025)	July school holidays (7-21 July 2025)
November Council meeting	3 rd Tuesday (18 November 2025)	LGNSW Conference (23-25 November 2025)
December Council meeting	2 nd Tuesday (9 December 2025)	Final meeting of the year - in line with past practice

The meeting schedule also includes the Councillor briefing sessions, proposed for the second Tuesday of each month from February through to November.

Strategic alignment

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

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

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
Code of Meeting Practice.

Conclusion

The attached schedule of meetings is designed to assist Councillors’ time management by being able to plan their activities for 2025 well in advance.

Responsible officer: Julie Hartshorn, Coordinator Administration

File Reference: F2004/06565

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025 – Councillor Calendar							
	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Wed	1 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)						Wed
Thu	2				1		Thu
Fri	3				2		Fri
Sat	4	1	1		3		Sat
Sun	5	2	2		4	1	Sun
Mon	6	3	3		5	2	Mon
Tue	7	4	4	1	6	3	Tue
Wed	8	5	5	2	7	4	Wed
Thu	9	6	6	3	8	5	Thu
Fri	10	7	7	4	9	6	Fri
Sat	11	8	8	5	10	7	Sat
Sun	12	9	9	6	11	8	Sun
Mon	13	10	10	7	12	9 King's Birthday Holiday	Mon
Tue	14	11 Councillors' Briefing	11 Councillors' Briefing	8 Councillors' Briefing	13 Councillors' Briefing	10 Councillors' Briefing	Tue
Wed	15	12	12	9	14	11	Wed
Thu	16	13	13	10	15	12	Thu
Fri	17	14	14	11	16	13	Fri
Sat	18	15	15	12	17	14	Sat
Sun	19	16	16	13	18	15	Sun
Mon	20	17 Midday Deadline for Motions for 25/2 Council meeting	17 Midday Deadline for Motions for 25/3 Council meeting	14	19 Midday Deadline for Motions for 27/5 Council meeting	16 Midday Deadline for Motions for 24/6 Council meeting	Mon
Tue	21	18	18	15	20	17	Tue
Wed	22	19 Council Agenda Issued	19 Council Agenda Issued	16	21 Council Agenda Issued	18 Council Agenda Issued	Wed
Thu	23	20	20	17	22	19	Thu
Fri	24	21	21	18 Good Friday (Public Holiday)	23	20	Fri
Sat	25	22	22	19 Easter Saturday	24	21	Sat
Sun	26	23	23	20 Easter Sunday	25	22	Sun
Mon	27 Australia Day (Public Holiday)	24	24	21 Easter Monday (Public Holiday)	26	23	Mon
Tue	28	25 Council Meeting	25 Council Meeting	22 Midday Deadline for Motions for 29/4 Council meeting	27 Council Meeting	24 Council Meeting	Tue
Wed	29	26	26	16 Council Agenda Issued	28	25	Wed
Thu	30	27	27	24	29	26	Thu
Fri	31	28	28	25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	30	27	Fri
Sat			29	26	31	28	Sat
Sun			30	27		29	Sun
Mon			31	28		30	Mon
Tue				29 Council Meeting			Tue
Wed				30			Wed

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025 – Councillor Calendar							
	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Wed				1			Wed
Thu				2			Thu
Fri		1		3			Fri
Sat		2		4	1		Sat
Sun		3		5	2		Sun
Mon		4	1	6 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	3	1 Midday Deadline for Motions for 9/12 Council meeting	Mon
Tue	1	5	2	7	4	2	Tue
Wed	2	6	3	8	5	3 Council Agenda Issued	Wed
Thu	3	7	4	9	6	4	Thu
Fri	4	8	5	10	7	5	Fri
Sat	5	9	6	11	8	6	Sat
Sun	6	10	7	12	9	7	Sun
Mon	7	11	8	13	10 Midday Deadline for Motions for 18/11 Council meeting	8	Mon
Tue	8 Councillors' Briefing	12 Councillors' Briefing	9 Councillors' Briefing	14 Councillors' Briefing	11 Councillors' Briefing	9 Council Meeting	Tue
Wed	9	13	10	15	12 Council Agenda Issued	10	Wed
Thu	10	14	11	16	13	11	Thu
Fri	11	15	12	17	14	12	Fri
Sat	12	16	13	18	15	13	Sat
Sun	13	17	14	19	16	14	Sun
Mon	14	18 Midday Deadline for Motions for 26/8 Council meeting	15 Midday Deadline for Motions for 23/9 Council meeting	20 Midday Deadline for Motions for 28/10 Council meeting	17	15	Mon
Tue	15	19	16	21	18 Council Meeting	16	Tue
Wed	16	20 Council Agenda Issued	17 Council Agenda Issued	22 Council Agenda Issued	19	17	Wed
Thu	17	21	18	23	20	18	Thu
Fri	18	22	19	24	21	19	Fri
Sat	19	23	20	25	22	20	Sat
Sun	20	24	21	26	23 LGNSW Conference	21	Sun
Mon	21 Midday Deadline for Motions for 29/7 Council meeting	25	22	27	24 LGNSW Conference	22	Mon
Tue	22	26 Council Meeting	23 Council Meeting	28 Council Meeting	25 LGNSW Conference	23	Tue
Wed	23 Council Agenda Issued	27	24	29	26	24	Wed
Thu	24	28	25	30	27	25 Christmas Day (Public Holiday)	Thu
Fri	25	29	26	31	28	26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)	Fri
Sat	26	30	27		29	27	Sat
Sun	27	31	28		30	28	Sun
Mon	28		29			29	Mon
Tue	29 Council Meeting		30			30	Tue
Wed	30					31	Wed
Thu	31						Thu

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO55/24

Subject: Operating hours - Christmas and New Year 2024-25

Executive Summary

- For a number of years, Randwick City Council has reduced opening hours during the Christmas/New Year period in line with community expectation and usage during this time of year. It is proposed to continue with this arrangement during the 2024-25 Christmas/New Year period similar to past years, while ensuring minimal impact on Council's customer service levels.

Recommendation

That the proposed 2024-25 Christmas and New Year opening hours for the Administration Building, Depot, Libraries and Leisure Centre, be noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

To confirm Council's operating hours during the 2024-25 Christmas/New Year period to allow for an appropriate advertising and notice period.

Discussion

The following arrangements are proposed for the Administration Building, Depot, Des Renford Leisure Centre and libraries during the Christmas and New Year period this year:

Administration Building and Depot			
Tuesday 24 December (Xmas Eve)		Normal operating hours closing at 12pm	
Wednesday 25 December (Xmas Day)		Closed	
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)		Closed	
Friday 27 December (Mayor Parker Day)		Closed	
Monday 30 December		Normal operating hours	
Tuesday 31 December (New Year's Eve)		Normal operating hours closing at 3pm	
Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)		Closed	
Thursday 2 January		Normal operating hours resume	
Des Renford Leisure Centre			
Monday 23 December		Normal operating hours	
Tuesday 24 December (Xmas Eve)		5.30am – 5.00pm	
Wednesday 25 December (Xmas Day)		Closed	
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)		8:00am – 5:00pm	
Friday 27 December (Mayor Parker Day)		5.30am – 6.00pm	
Saturday 28 - Monday 30 December		Normal operating hours	
Tuesday 31 December (New Year's Eve)		5.30am – 6.00pm	
Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)		8:00am – 5:00pm	
Thursday 2 January		Normal operating hours resume	
Libraries	Lionel Bowen Library	Margaret Martin Library	Malabar Community Library
Monday 23 December	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm
Tuesday 24 December (Xmas Eve)	9.30am – 12pm	9.30am – 12pm	9.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 25 December (Xmas Day)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday 27 December (Mayor Parker Day)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 30 December	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm
Tuesday 31 December (New Year's Eve)	9.30am – 3pm	9.30am – 3pm	9.30am – 3pm
Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thursday 2 January	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm
Friday 3 January	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm

Administration Building and Depot

Saturday 4 January

Normal opening hours resume

The days of reduced opening are relatively quiet in terms of contact with the community and a number of staff take annual leave over this period.

Essential operational services including Waste Service, Rangers, Storey Street Depot, Des Renford Leisure Centre and the beaches will be maintained through the Christmas/New Year period. Staff required to work on public holidays are paid the appropriate penalty rates in accordance with the NSW Local Government Award.

The early closing times on Tuesday 24 December will enable staff to attend the Christmas BBQ. In addition, it is proposed that staff be given a day's leave on Friday 27 December 2024, to be known as 'Mayor Parker Day'. This will provide most staff with five consecutive days off over the holiday period and is a way of thanking staff for all their hard work during the year. The days in question are relatively quiet in terms of contact with the community.

The operating hours for the holiday season will be advertised on our website, on social media and in the Randwick News. Notices will also be displayed at Council offices and the libraries to minimise any inconvenience for members of the public.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:

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

Resourcing Strategy implications

The financial impact for this matter has been allowed for in the 2024-25 budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

N/A.

Conclusion

The proposed hours of Council operations are in line with community expectation for this time of year. Given adequate publicity, it is felt that the reduced opening hours will create minimal impact on Council's customer service levels.

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO56/24

Subject: Council submission - Councillor conduct and meeting practices


Executive Summary

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) is seeking feedback on its recently published "Councillor conduct and meeting practices" Discussion Paper.
- A draft Council submission has been prepared.
- The closing date for submissions is 15 November 2024, but we have sought and been granted an extension to 29 November 2024 to allow for the draft submission to be considered at this Council meeting.

Recommendation

That the Council submission on the Office of Local Government "Councillor conduct and meeting practices" Discussion Paper be endorsed.

Attachment/s:

1.  Draft Submission - Councillor conduct and meeting practices framework

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Purpose

To consider the draft Council submission on the OLG “Councillor conduct and meeting practices” Discussion Paper, prior to submission to the OLG by 29 November 2024.

Discussion

Purpose of the Councillor Conduct Framework (extract from OLG website):

“Strong and thriving communities need effective local government. No other level of government is as close to the issues and people.

The Councillor Conduct Framework is under review with the aim to facilitate and support local decision making.

Effective local government comes when councillors are visibly in control of their councils. How councillors act and how appropriately and transparently decisions are made at meetings is critical in demonstrating to the community that their elected representatives understand the consequences of their decisions, and then make the best possible decisions they can for their community as a whole.

It is intended that the revised Framework will be based on the following principles of change:

- Council leadership and decision making is paramount;
- Freedom of speech is fundamental;
- Transparency and accountability are maintained;
- Issues are dealt with at the most immediate or local level;
- A strong and proportionate local government regulator;
- Justice is timely and proportionate; and
- Significant penalties should only be imposed by a judicial or quasi-judicial body.”

The OLG is seeking the views of the community, key stakeholders and the local government sector about the proposed changes in the [Councillor Conduct Framework](#).

Submissions closed on Friday 15 November 2024, however Council has sought and been granted an extension of time (until 29 November 2024) to make a submission to facilitate the consideration of the draft submission at this Council meeting.

Summary of proposed changes to the current framework

Weaknesses of the existing framework (as articulated by the OLG)
The current Code of Conduct enables too many complaints and doesn’t focus on the concerns that matter most (serious misbehaviour and attempts by Councillors to enrich themselves through their office)
Growth in the number of complaints (often over trivial issues) that are costly and time consuming to investigate
Overall dissatisfaction with the process for resolving Code of Conduct complaints and unnecessary escalation to the OLG, who then take too long to resolve matters
Key changes proposed
Move to a streamlined Code of Conduct modelled on the Code for NSW Members of Parliament which will clearly and succinctly outline behavioural expectations
Councillor misbehaviour provisions restricted to conflicts of interest or misbehaviour in public office (conduct unbecoming of a Councillor; conduct that brings Council into disrepute; conduct that is assessed as being outside the norms and expectations of a Councillor)

All serious conflicts of interest to be dealt with by the OLG

New Privileges Committee (senior and experienced Mayors and ex-Mayors from across NSW) to assess complaints about Councillor misbehaviour and determine any actions/penalties. Complaints would be made directly to the Privileges Committee

OLG to be given the power to issue fines for minor breaches of the conflict of interest provisions – quick process for dealing with minor matters to free up resources. Serious misconduct (referred by the Privileges Committee) or conflict of interest matters (referred by the OLG) would be referred to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Changes proposed to the Model Code of Meeting Practice

Mayors to be given the power to expel Councillors for acts of disorder and to remove the Councillor's Allowance for the month in which they have been expelled

Councillors will be required to apologise for disorder and if they fail to, at each subsequent meeting until they comply (each failure becomes an act of misbehaviour and will see the Councillor lose their Councillor Allowance for the month)

Councillor pre-meeting Briefing sessions will be banned – this restriction will not apply to Mayors

Summary of Council's position (as contained in our submission):

- It is suggested that "respect" be added to the principles of change;
- It is suggested that the Oath and Affirmation of Office make reference to both the Code of Conduct and the Code of Meeting Practice;
- The proposed extension of interests to be disclosed in annual returns is only supported if the publication of returns are not required to be published on Council websites (as currently required by IPC Guideline 1);
- Further definition is required for those matters that property developers and real estate agents will not be able to participate in;
- Further clarification required around funding of the Privileges Committee – Council does not support full cost recovery;
- It is suggested that lobbying be addressed in the amended Code of Conduct rather than separate guidelines;
- Some questions have been raised around the proposed reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice; and
- Council does not support the ban on briefing sessions.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:

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

Risks

The consultation paper raised a number of operational risks which will be reviewed in further detail once the new framework has been released. Risks include:

- Framework around the proposed functions of the Mayor to deal with misconduct at Council meetings and issue fines;

- Managing the proposed new provisions in relation to real estate agents and property developers; and
- Unknown cost of the proposed Privileges Committee.

Strategy implications

There are potential implications for Council around funding of the proposed Privileges Committee. This could be at least partially offset by savings in the current cost of independent conduct reviewers to conduct investigations into Code of Conduct complaints under the current procedures.

Policy and legislative requirements

Code of Conduct for Councillors
Code of Meeting Practice.

Conclusion

Council's submission acknowledges that there is a need for change to the current system for managing Code of Conduct complaints due to the identified weaknesses of the existing frameworks. The suggestions offered in our submission come from this position of overall support of the need for change.

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Submission

Councillor conduct and meeting practices

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the “Councillor conduct and meeting practices” framework - September 2024.

As a preface to the suggestions provided in this submission, it is acknowledged that there is a need for change to the current system for managing Code of Conduct complaints due to the identified weaknesses of the existing frameworks. The “need for change” and “weaknesses of existing frameworks” as articulated in the September 2024 “A new framework” document are supported.

The suggestions offered in this submission come from this position of overall support of the need for change.

1. What are the principles of change?

Question: Are we missing anything in the principles of change?

Under the heading “transparency and accountability” it is suggested that a reference to “respectful” debate should be included as follows:

As a democracy councils need to hear, consider and debate issues in an open **and respectful** manner.

Respect is one of the important principles articulated in the OLG Model Meeting Code.

2. Potential changes to the code of conduct and oath of office

Question: What are the key elements of an aspirational Code of Conduct that should be enshrined? What are your views about aligning the Oath of Office to the revamped Code of Conduct?

We support aligning the Code of Conduct with the Code of Conduct framework for NSW Members of Parliament and with the Oath of Office.

We would go further and suggest that the Oath and Affirmation of Office make reference to the Code of Meeting Practice to strengthen the connection between the Code of Conduct and misbehaviour at meetings, as follows:

*“..... and I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 and any other act to the best of my ability and judgement **and I will observe and comply with the Council’s adopted Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice as it applies to my office**”.*

Section 233A of the Local Government Act should be amended to expressly state the consequence of a Councillor breaching their Oath or Affirmation of Office – for example, that such a breach is to be deemed a breach of the Code of Conduct.

3. Potential changes to the definitions and assessment of councillor misbehaviour

3.1. Pecuniary interests

Question: Is the proposed pecuniary interest framework appropriate? Is anything missing?

The proposal to extend interests disclosed in the annual Return of Interests to “spouse or de facto partner, relative, or partner or employer, or a company or other body of which the councillor, or their nominee, partner or employer, is a shareholder or member” “to the extent the councillor is aware or should be aware of such interests” is supported, **if and only if**, the publication of Returns of Interests are not required to be published on Council website.

[Information and Privacy Commission \(IPC\) Guideline 1](#) currently requires returns to be published on Council’s websites. Randwick City Council has conducted a [Public Interest Test](#) under the Government Information (Public Access) Act and has determined:

That Council publish the Disclosure Returns on its website, subject to all information being redacted apart from the names and positions of Councillors, senior staff and designated officers, along with advice that unredacted Returns may be viewed free of charge at the Council Administration Office.

The publishing of this information on a website significantly impinges on individual privacy rights. Publishing unredacted Returns on our website exposes the personal information of Councillors and staff to an unrestricted audience. This is balanced against the minimal number of genuine requests received by Council to view the returns. The unnecessary risk exposure to Council officials by placing the returns on the website does not equate to the current public demand to view the returns at Council offices and this risk will be compounded by extending the declarations to relatives and employers etc.

3.2. Non-pecuniary interests

Question: Do you agree with the principles of what constitutes a significant or major non-pecuniary interest?

Agree.

3.3. Property developers and real estate agents

Question: Are there any other specific features that should be included to address concerns about councillors undertaking real estate and development business activities?

While the provisions in relation to property developers and real estate agents are supported, it is felt that, for clarity, a definition is required for:

"Real estate or development business activities and contractual obligations"

- as conflicts of this nature cannot be managed without clarity around specifically which matters/decisions will be impacted.

3.4. Councillor misbehaviour in public office

Question: Is this the appropriate threshold to face a Privileges Committee? How else can complaints be minimised?

The OLG (not Councils) should be responsible for funding external conduct reviews, if applicable.

Councillors should be required to pay for both Privileges Committee and external reviews if found guilty. This would be a significant deterrent to misbehaviour.

In terms of the cost of funding a Privileges Committee, Council does not support full cost recovery. That is not to say that some cost offset for the Privileges Committee should not be made through:

- cost recovery from Councillors found to have committed a breach of the Code of Conduct – something we do support.
- in addition, all Councils could contribute to a portion of the costs of the Privileges Committee on a population (or some other equitable) basis. Councils should not have to pay for the Privileges Committee costs for complaints that originate from members of the community that are vexatious or trivial as these complaints are proposed to be made directly to the Privileges Committee and Councils will have no way of controlling the number or nature of these complaints.

It is felt that the threshold to face a Privileges Committee is appropriate.

3.5. Addressing inappropriate lobbying

Question: What key features should be included in lobbying guidelines and a model policy?

Following the March 2021 ICAC report on “Operation Dasha”, the OLG advised that it would be developing the recommended lobbying of councillor guidelines (see OLG Circular 22-22 8 August 2022). However, the proposed lobbying guidelines were never released.

Operation Dasha recommendation 8:

“That the DPIE, following a reasonable period of consultation, issues guidelines under s 23A of the LGA to introduce measures to enhance transparency around the lobbying of councillors. The guidelines should require that:

- *councils provide meeting facilities to councillors (where practical) so that they may meet in a formal setting with parties who have an interest in a development matter*
- *councils make available a member of council staff to be present at such a meeting and to prepare an official file note of that meeting to be kept on the council's files (any additional notes made by the member of council staff and/or the councillor should also be kept as part of the council's records)*
- *all councillors be invited when a council conducts formal onsite meetings for controversial rezonings and developments.”*

In the meantime, Councils have been required to adopt the local planning panels framework which has taken the decision making power for development applications out of the hands of the Council.

Given the Council body is no longer involved in decisions in relation to development applications, being the major area of concern for lobbyists, it is felt that a separate framework is no longer required and that inappropriate lobbying could be addressed in the new Model Code of Conduct.

4. Dispute resolution and penalty framework

4.1. Giving OLG the power to issue penalty infringement notices

Question: What level of PIN is appropriate?

The following suggestions are offered as options for level of PINs:

- Sliding scale based on number of occurrences or nature of breach, or
- A percentage of the Councillor Allowance that would equate to the same percentage that State Government PINs are to Sitting Fees.

4.2. NSW Local Government Privileges Committee

Question: Are the penalties proposed appropriate, and are there any further penalties that should be considered?

As indicated in section 3.4;

All Councils could contribute to the cost of the Privileges Committee on a population (or some other equitable) basis. Councils should not have to pay for Privileges Committee costs for complaints that originate from members of the community and is vexatious or trivial as these complaints are to be made directly to the Privileges Committee and Councils will have no way of controlling the number or nature of these complaints.

Dot point 3 on page 15 of the consultation paper should refer to “Councillor Allowance” not “sitting fees”. Should this point also refer to the proposed PINs system?

The last dot point on page 15 of the consultation paper refers to:

“referral to an appropriate tribunal or body for more serious sanction, including suspension or disallowance”.

Should this point also refer to “removal from office”?

4.3. Referral of significant sanctions to appropriate tribunal or body

Question: Are the existing sanctions available under the Local Government Act sufficient? Should decisions on sanctions for councillors be made by the Department Chief Executive or a formal tribunal with independent arbitrators and a hearing structure?

It is agreed that the existing sanctions do not carry a significant enough weight to significantly discourage bad behaviour.

It is agreed that sanctions for elected representatives should not be imposed by a public servant and that an independent body (such as the proposed Privileges Committee or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal) would be perceived as more democratic and impartial.

5. Restoring dignity to council meetings

5.1. Proposed reforms to the Model Code of Meeting Practice

Question: Are there any other powers that need to be granted to the mayor or chair of the relevant meeting to deal with disorderly behaviour?

We would like to preface our comments in this section by confirming that we do not support the proposed ability for the mayor to issue a fine to a member of the public. We assert that this proposal is impractical and unworkable. In addition, it will have potential negative impacts on the working relationship between mayors and certain sectors of the local community and will do little to deter bad behaviour. The current process of issuing a warning and then removing any offenders with the assistance of the local Police, is considered appropriate.

If the proposal to grant mayors the power to issue fines is pursued, mayors would presumably need to be provided with the power to issue fines under the Local Government (General) Regulation.

A potential way forward is codification (by Regulation) of a Schedule of Councillor Conduct and Jurisdictional Enforcement Options as recommended by the 2022 [Kellar Report](#). This would generate the requisite misconduct enforcement consistency, ensuring that matters are resolved quickly and fairly, and better deter adverse conduct. We support the following course of action as recommended in the Kellar Report:

The Kellar Report recommended a new Code of Conduct incorporating:

“a schedule of councillor conduct standards and jurisdictional enforcement options clearly defining the behaviours that represent breaches of the code of conduct according to relevant classes, together with the associated sanctions and penalties applicable to those breaches.”*

*The schedule of councillor conduct standards and jurisdictional enforcement options described in the Kellar Report are as follows:

“Given the proposed focus on Independent Councillor Conduct Review Panels, the compilation of a defined schedule of councillor conduct standards and jurisdictional enforcement options is proposed. That schedule could be promulgated under regulation and comprise information as to:

- *conduct class heading*
- *description of the conduct standard for that class and the legislative source of its specification*
- *the jurisdiction that has authority to deal with breaches of the standards*
- *the range of enforcement options available to the adjudicator*
- *the avenue of recourse (if any) from the adjudicator’s decision.”*

5.2. Banning briefing sessions

Question: Are there any other measures needed to improve transparency in councillor deliberations and decision making?

The proposal to ban Councillor briefings is not supported. The briefing of all Councillors on matters proposed for the agenda of future Council meetings contributes in a positive way to Councillors' understanding of the significant matters which they are required to make decision on.

We agree that the framework around Councillor briefings could be strengthened to ensure that all Councillors are provided the same information in relation to all briefing matters and that no decisions are made (or voting patterns discussed) at Councillor briefings.

We strongly believe that, used appropriately, the Councillors briefing process promotes a better understanding of complex matters on which Councillors are required to make decisions and results in better decision making at Council meetings in the interests of the broader community.

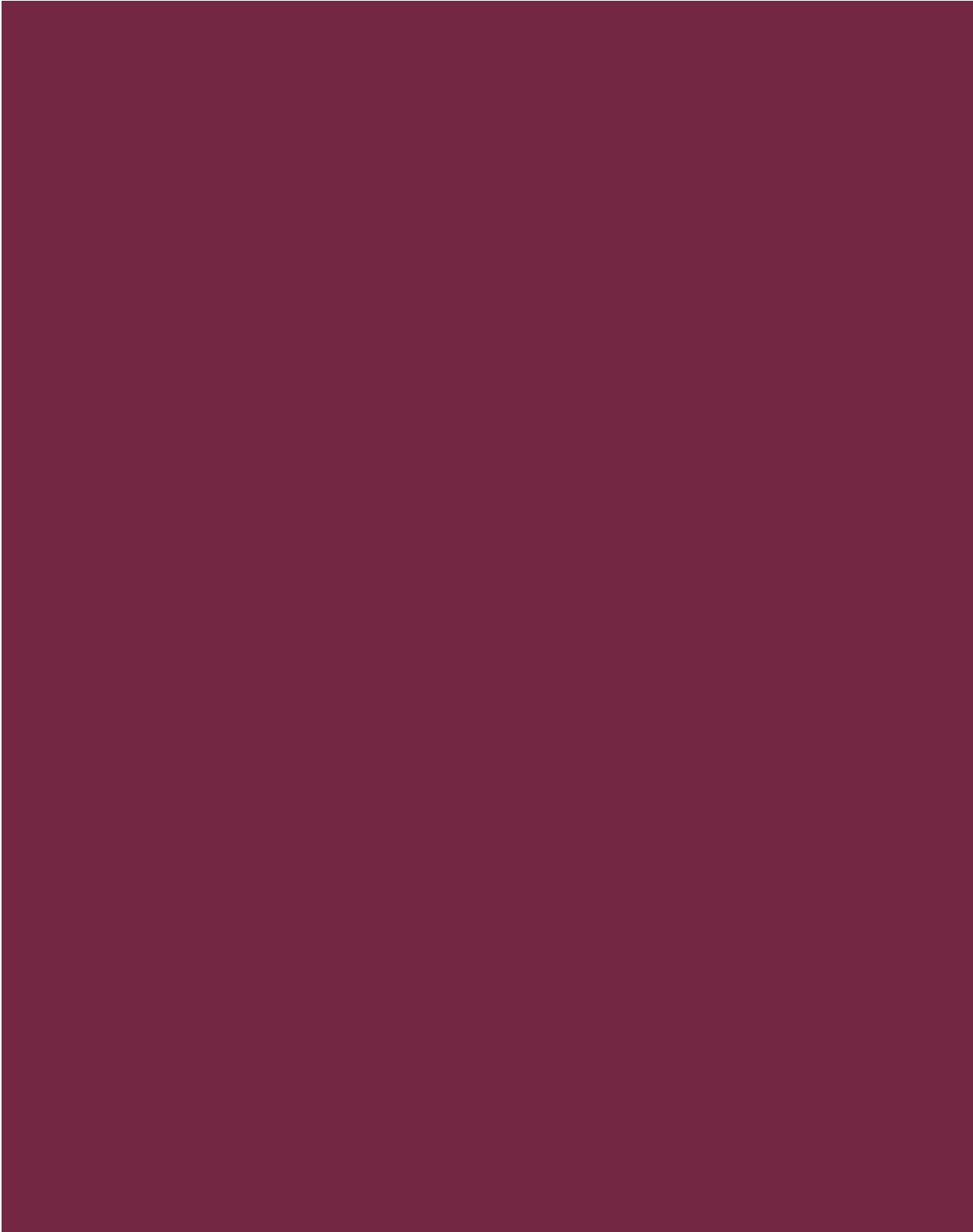
We note that the current provisions of the Model Meeting Code provide for the following framework for Councillor briefings that, properly applied, is considered more than adequate for transparency and accountability purposes:

"Councillors must not use pre-meeting briefing sessions to debate or make preliminary decisions on items of business they are being briefed on, and any debate and decision-making must be left to the formal council or committee meeting at which the item of business is to be considered.

Councillors (including the mayor) must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to any item of business that is the subject of a briefing at a pre-meeting briefing session, in the same way that they are required to do so at a council or committee meeting. The council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations made at pre-meeting briefing sessions and how the conflict of interest was managed by the councillor who made the declaration".

The current framework is considered to be clear and concise and any Councils who are known to be not complying with these provisions should be dealt with in the same way that other non-compliance matters/complaints are dealt with by the OLG.

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
Executive Summary

- The NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (LGRT) is seeking public submissions on its 2025 review. The 2025 review will not review categories and the allocation of Councils into each of these categories as the Tribunal is only required to determine categories at least once every three years. The next review of the model and criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of Councils will be undertaken in 2026.
- This submission will, therefore, only address the topic of Councillors and Mayoral Allowances (and the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category).
- A draft Council submission has been prepared.
- Submissions must be endorsed by Council and are due no later than 20 December 2024.

Recommendation

That the Council submission on the “Local Government Remuneration Tribunal – 2025 Review – Councillor and Mayoral Allowances’ be endorsed.

Attachment/s:

1.  Draft Submission - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - 2025 review - Councillor and Mayoral Allowances

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Purpose

To consider the draft Council submission on the 2025 LGRT review in relation to Councillor and Mayoral Allowances, prior to submission to the LGRT by 20 December 2024.

Discussion

This submission only considers the topic of Councillor and Mayoral Allowances as the 2023 LGRT Determination considered the Council categories and the allocation of Councils into each of these categories. The Tribunal is only required to determine categories at least once every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of Councils in detail in the 2026 review.

The draft submission includes:

- Council’s support of a comprehensive review of the framework for Mayor and Councillor remuneration.
- Council’s support for a broader consideration of the matters raised in the LGRT’s 2023 Determination.
- Support for LGNSW’s position on the matter, in particular the LGNSW 2024 review submission, including a request for Ministerial referral under section 238(2) of the Local Government Act.
- Council’s position, which is centered around;
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Adequacy of allowances
 - Diversity and representation.

Strategic alignment

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

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

Resourcing Strategy implications

Councillor and Mayoral Allowances are provided for as part of the annual budgeting process.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993.

Conclusion

A draft submission (see attached) has been prepared for Council's consideration ahead of submission to the LGRT.

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Submission

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the LGRT’s 2025 review. We note that the 2025 review will only look at the minimum and maximum fee levels for Councillor allowances and Mayoral allowances and that the next review of the model and criteria applicable to each category and allocation of councils to categories will be undertaken in 2026. We look forward to making a submission on the categories and Randwick City Council’s allocation in late 2025. In the meantime, we submit the following comments for the 2025 review.

Please note: this submission was **endorsed by Randwick City Council** at the 26 November 2024 Council meeting.

Support for 'Time for fresh thinking'

Randwick City Council supports a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration. It is understood, from the [Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's \(LGRT\) 2024 Determination](#) that this view is supported by "a significant number" of councils. It is also noted that the LGRT has indicated that the issues raised in this (and it seems many other council submissions) "are not currently within the Tribunal's remit".

The following extract from LGRT 2023 Determination is supported by Randwick City Council:

"Time for Fresh Thinking"

97. Submissions made to the 2023 review and the Tribunal's own conclusions from evidence it has examined, suggest that there are significant issues underlying the concerns raised about mayor and councillor remuneration. It is apparent to the Tribunal that those issues which include a lack of diversity in representation, changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations cannot be easily resolved under the existing framework. In the Tribunal's view, there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration.
98. The criteria under which the Tribunal makes these determinations has been in existence since 1994 and at that time NSW had 177 Councils. Much has changed over the past 30 years, but the criteria has not.
99. As noted earlier in this determination the Tribunal and Assessors met with two Joint Organisation member representatives. While much of what was discussed has been dealt with in this determination it is worthy for the record to restate the view of LGNSW of the "need for major reform".
100. Key themes and issues raised during discussions by mayors, councillors and general managers with the Tribunal and Assessors include:
 - Changes to ways of working including expectations of increased use of social media and online platforms ("always on" expectations from constituents)
 - Impacts of future development
 - Impact of changes to legislation and regulation on workload
 - Serving constituents in regional centres, country areas regional areas, rural and remote areas
 - Remuneration principles
 - Natural Disasters including floods, fires, mice, locusts and tragedies generally
 - Confusion in roles and responsibilities – need for compulsory and consistent training of candidates prior to election and induction of those elected
 - Popularly elected mayors and two-year mayoral terms and the role of the Deputy Mayor when a mayor is absent, as distinct from temporarily unavailable
 - Questioning whether the guidelines by the Office of Local Government for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors that were issued in 2009 are still fit for purpose. There appears to be significant variation in the interpretation of the guidelines and subsequent council policies
 - The optional payment of superannuation being used for political purposes
 - Paid parental leave for councillors
 - Is remuneration holding back quality candidates or are behavioural issues – both in and out of meeting environment
 - Parity in the payment differential in existing categories between councillors and mayors
 - A possible alignment in categories of councillor to resident and ratepayer ratios and rateable property ratios
 - Clarity in the payment of fees for chairpersons and voting members of Joint Organisations for additional workloads

101. Diversity was a strong theme heard by the Tribunal, both diversity of communities served and diversity of representation. We heard that younger people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities among others, are underrepresented in many councils.”

In addition, the following extract from the LGRT 2024 Determination is supported by Randwick City Council:

59. The LGNSW submission requested the Tribunal increase fees by at least 10% in order to:

- Reverse the fee erosion which occurred under the NSW Public Sector Wages Policy
- Mitigate economic pressures and the rising cost of living
- Ensure that Councillors and Mayors receive fair and reasonable remuneration for the work they perform
- Address the historic undervaluation of the work performed by elected representatives in local government in New South Wales.

60. LGNSW used economic and wage data to support their argument that included:

- Consumer Price Index
- Wage Price Index
- National and State Wage cases
- Market comparability

61. LGNSW in its meeting with the Tribunal and Assessors asserted that fees paid to Councillors and Mayors have reduced in real terms over recent years, further advocating for an increase of 10% being fair and reasonable.

Randwick City Council supports a broader consideration of the matters raised in the LGRT’s 2023 Determination and also the LGNSW’s 2024 submission, including a Ministerial referral under section 238(2) of the LG Act.

Council understands that any such referral would involve consultation with the sector and, as such, this submission will simply summarise Randwick City Council’s position with a view to making a more comprehensive submission should the Tribunal be tasked with a comprehensive review of Councillor remuneration.

1. Support for LGNSW position

Randwick City Council supports the LGNSW long-held view that the current arrangements for setting councillor and mayoral fees are inadequate. Existing councillors and mayoral fees do not properly compensate elected representatives for the significant workload and range of responsibilities involved. We note that workloads and the range of responsibilities continue to expand.

We request that the Tribunal given consideration to the independent research paper *Councillor perspectives on the (in)adequacy of remuneration in NSW local government: Impacts on well-being, diversity and quality of representation* (the “ANU Paper”), written by Associate Professor Jakimow of the Australian National University. A key finding of the 2023 ANU Paper was that “current remuneration levels are perceived as inadequately reflecting the extent and nature of council work.”

In addition, the ANU paper found:

“Fair and equal pay are basic principles determining appropriate remuneration. Yet expectations that locally elected representatives are motivated by community service justify token compensation. This article presents data from a survey of councillors in New South Wales about the adequacy of current remuneration against the expectations and time commitment of the role. It finds: the majority of

councillors feel under-compensated for the time they devote to the role; some councillors had unmanageable workloads during the COVID-19 pandemic and variations in pay scales across local government areas only partially correspond with differences in volume and complexity of work. Most critically, low pay directly impacts the quality of representation by curtailing the hours councillors can commit to council work. The article argues that 'recognition' needs to be a core principle in determining councillor pay. Current levels both under-recognise what local elected representatives do, and the importance of local government for democracy."

The LGNSW's 2023 submission also compared the minimum and maximum rates of NSW mayor and councillor remuneration to the remuneration of directors and chairpersons of comparable government bodies and not-for-profits, mayors and councillors in Queensland and members of the NSW Parliament. Randwick City Council supports LGNSW's view that these matters are relevant to councillor remuneration and need more comprehensive examination in the context of the breadth of responsibilities of local councillors and the extent and nature of the work.

2. Randwick City Council's position

2.1. Roles and responsibilities

The decisions Councillors make are often long term and strategically focused across many areas including asset management, financial and corporate planning, environmental sustainability and land use planning. Councillors make these decisions following more rigorous community engagement processes for which they play a key role.

Community expectations of the role have also changed especially regarding visibility, accountability and accessibility. This has partly been driven by the widespread use of technology for regular communications such as email and social media. We note that electronic communication (via email and social media) has made it significantly easier for residents and constituents to contact Councillors and has raised expectations (again significantly) of the timeframe for follow up and reply.

The role and responsibilities of the position of Mayor has particularly changed in recent years. While the Mayor continues to be the 'leader among equals' whose role and responsibilities include chairing council meetings, being the primary spokesperson and carrying out civic and ceremonial duties, the demise of traditional media outlets, such as local newspapers, has resulted in Mayors having to take a greater role in filling the communication vacuum.

On the question of medium sized council Mayors' responsibilities and remuneration, it is arguable that the scope of responsibility of Mayors is greater than a backbench state MP, as Mayors have a significantly larger numbers of constituents. Mayors also, unlike MPs, have direct responsibility for strategic direction, employment and performance management of General Managers and decision-making outside of Council meetings. Indirectly, Mayors and Councillors are also accountable for the performance of the bureaucracy. Backbench MPs have no comparable responsibility. In practice, they advocate for their constituents and through caucus / party room either accept or reject recommendations of (shadow) Cabinet. They have no other responsibilities. Any additional responsibility is met with an additional allowance as a recognised office holder.

In addition, the current Office of Local Government "Councillor conduct and meeting practices" framework proposes additional responsibilities for the role of Mayor, including issuing fines for misbehaviour in Council meetings.

2.2. Adequacy of allowances

To illustrate the modest nature of the current Councillor allowance— a councillor at a Metropolitan Medium Category council being paid the highest rate in that bracket would be paid \$26.87/hour (\$27,650 annually; based on 20 hours/week x 52 weeks = 1040 hours).

The average Councillor representation per elector for Randwick City Council is 6,009.

We submit that the current allowance values are not adequate to:

- reflect the costs (e.g. time commitment) and benefits of Council service
- support diversity amongst Council members and potential candidates.

To support this claim we provide the following considerations for the Tribunal's consideration in relation to the complexity of the role of Councillor:

Organisation-wide factors

- size, nature and gross regional product
- complexity of operations – Councils routinely deliver around 100 discrete services in a complex environment
- structure and responsibilities of Council, including committees
- risks and challenges of the sector.

Councillor-specific factors

- time commitment required
- number of constituents represented
- performance expectations of the role
- inherent emotional intelligence requirements
- involvement in strategic, value-added decision making
- supply and demand – the need to attract and retain qualified people.

2.3. Diversity and representation

The Local Government Act requires Councillors to represent the interests of the community in their decision making. The allowance is a way to attract candidates with a diverse range of backgrounds. This diversity in backgrounds assists Councils to make decisions in the best interests of the whole community.

We submit that the allowance must be at a level which overcomes, to the extent possible, economic barriers to entry by diverse members of communities. There needs to be a better understanding of the role of the Councillor allowance in decision making around standing for election and the impact, particularly financially, of doing so. The voluntary nature of local government elected representative roles is a double-edged sword. It is intended to attract candidates that are community-minded, however, it also precludes a large cross-section of the community whose experiences are just as (if not more, by way of their underrepresentation) valuable as those who can afford to be Councillors. Other issues that clearly require more data and analyse include; diversity of ages; gender diversity; First Nations representation; cultural diversity; and economic diversity (including those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds).

For the reasons described in this section we submit that significant weight ought to be placed on the impact of the allowance in achieving diversity.

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO58/24

Subject: Monthly Financial Report as at 31 October 2024







Executive Summary

- Monthly Financial Reports are produced as a means of monitoring the financial performance of the Council and ensuring that all appropriate financial controls are being adhered to.
- Council's liquidity remains sound as at 31 October 2024, 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 sound.

Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 October 2024 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.   Monthly Financial Statement - Income Statement - October 2024
2.   Monthly Financial Statement - Balance Sheet - October 2024
3.   Monthly Financial Statement - Cash Flow Statement - October 2024

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Purpose

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

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

Discussion

This report provides the financial results of the Council as at 31 October 2024.

- **Income Statement (Attachment 1):**
The Income Statement summarises the Council's financial performance year to date (YTD) and 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.
 - Interest income received to date is \$2.6M, exceeding the budget benchmark by 21%. This increase is due to a higher portfolio balance and prevailing interest rates. The budget was adjusted upward accordingly in the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review.
 - User charges and fees earned during this period totalled \$3M, bringing the year-to-date amount to \$9.2M, which is 6% above the budget benchmark. The budget was adjusted upward in the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review.

2024-25 Financial Performance Summary

	Original Budget 2024-25 (\$'000)	Current Budget 2024-25 (\$'000)	YTD Actual October 2024 2024-25 (\$'000)
Income from continuing operations	203,225	205,841	68,772
Expenses from continuing operations	193,607	195,523	62,978
Net operating result	9,618	10,318	5,793
Net operating result before Capital Grants and Contributions	3,828	1,911	3,951

- **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.
 - Prepayments have decreased due to rates income being recognised 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 statement measures how well the Council manages its cash position, meaning how well the Council generates cash to pay its debt obligations and fund its operating expenses.

- There were Cash flows from rates and annual charges in this period, resulting in positive net cash flows from operating activities.

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 31 October 2024 is 2.89. The Council's target is a ratio equal to or greater than 1.5 based on the Office of Local Government benchmarks. Our current ratio meets this target and indicates Council's liquidity remains sound at the end of October 2024. Together with a surplus Net Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions of \$3.9m, the financial position of the Council remains sound.

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 Current Budget for 2024-25 is balanced and sustainable with an operating result before capital contributions of \$1.9M. 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

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Conclusion

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

Responsible officer: Stephen Wong, Chief Financial Officer

File Reference: F2021/00364

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INCOME STATEMENT

For the period ended 31 October 2024

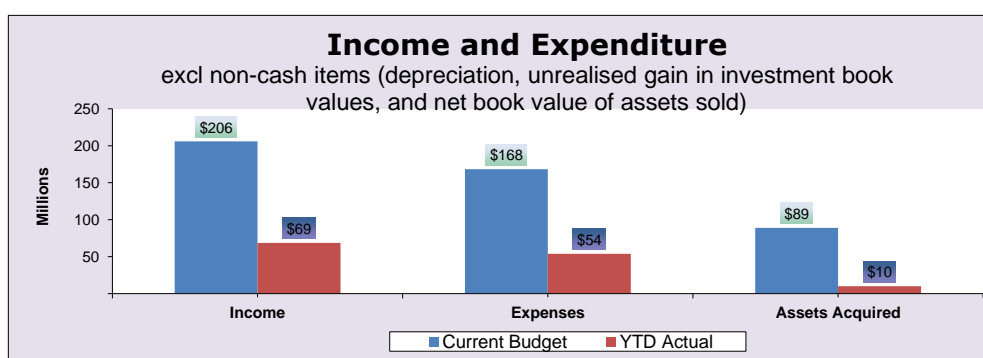
% OF YEAR EXPIRED
AT 31 Oct 2024

33%

	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Actuals (\$'000s)	% Spent or Earned
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Employee Costs	88,817	88,817	27,178	30.6%
Borrowing Costs	547	547	191	35.0%
Materials and Contracts	71,085	73,002	24,585	33.7%
Depreciation and Amortisation	27,351	27,351	9,117	33.3%
Other Operating Expenses	5,807	5,807	1,796	30.9%
Loss on Disposal of Infrastructure Assets	-	-	110	0.0%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	193,607	195,523	62,978	32.2%
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Rates and Annual Charges	148,948	148,948	49,477	33.2%
User Charges and Fees	23,616	23,616	9,203	39.0%
Interest	5,175	5,175	2,767	53.5%
Other Revenues	6,807	6,807	2,265	33.3%
Other Income	5,704	5,704	1,603	28.1%
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,185	7,185	1,114	15.5%
Capital Grants and Contributions	5,790	8,407	1,842	21.9%
Gain on Disposal of Plant & Fleet Assets	-	-	500	0.0%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	203,225	205,841	68,772	33.4%
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	9,618	10,318	5,793	

FUNDING STATEMENT

SOURCE OF FUNDS				
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations - Accrual	9,618	10,318	5,793	56.1%
Add Back Non-Cash items included in Income & Expenses Items above				
- Depreciation	27,351	27,351	9,117	
- Sales of Assets (Book Value)	1,138	1,900	543	
- Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on Market Value of Investments	-	-	(111)	
Reserve Movements				
- Transfer from Internal Reserves	5,084	43,365	6,085	
- Transfer from External Reserves	12,629	19,567	1,522	
Net Funds Available	55,819	102,502	22,950	22.4%
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Assets Acquired	42,153	88,835	10,125	
Loan Principal and Lease Repayment	3,803	3,803	-	
Transfer to Internal Reserves	4,136	4,136	6,092	
Transfer to External Reserves	5,727	5,727	7,288	
Total Funds Applied	55,818	102,500	23,504	22.9%
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	1	1	(554)	





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BALANCE SHEET

	Actual as at 31 October 2024 (\$'000s)	Actual as at 30 June 2024 (\$'000s)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	145,993	137,991
Receivables	3,646	11,819
Inventories & Other	2,962	2,008
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	152,601	151,818
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	16,000	16,000
Receivables	653	653
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	2,033,217	2,032,839
Right of Use Asset	224	224
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,050,094	2,049,716
TOTAL ASSETS	2,202,695	2,201,534
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables & Prepayments	21,751	24,152
Income received in advance	1,381	3,005
contract liabilities	3,596	3,716
Lease liabilities	3	3
Borrowings	3,199	3,199
Provisions	22,945	23,434
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	52,875	57,509
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income received in advance	19,835	19,835
Borrowings	22,606	22,606
Lease Liabilities	234	234
Provisions	782	782
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	43,457	43,457
TOTAL LIABILITIES	96,332	100,966
NET ASSETS	2,106,363	2,100,568
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	929,003	923,209
Revaluation Reserves	1,177,360	1,177,359
TOTAL EQUITY	2,106,363	2,100,568

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the period ended 31 October 2024 (\$'000)	Actual for the year ended 30 June 2024 (\$'000)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts:		
Rates and annual charges	59,168	141,271
User charges and fees	9,703	27,225
Interest received	2,835	7,289
Grants and contributions	3,231	27,553
Bonds, deposits and retentions received	770	3,269
Other	5,468	24,639
Payments:		
Payments to employees	(29,592)	(76,601)
Payments for materials and services	(31,169)	(84,796)
Borrowing Costs	(191)	(615)
Bonds, Deposits & retentions refunded	(763)	(2,808)
Other	(2,483)	(9,500)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Operating Activities	16,976	56,926
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Receipts:		
Sale of investments	43,292	82,500
Proceeds from sale of IPPE	391	972
Payments:		
Purchase of investments	(51,892)	(82,832)
Payments for IPPE	(9,498)	(52,184)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Investing Activities	(17,707)	(51,544)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Payments:		
Repayment of borrowings	-	(3,129)
Net cash flows from (used in) Financing Activities	0	(3,129)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(732)	2,253
plus: Cash and cash Equivalents - beginning of year	10,260	8,007
Cash and cash Equivalents - end of the year	9,528	10,260
Additional Information:		
plus: Investments on hand at end of year	152,464	143,731
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	161,993	153,991

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO59/24

Subject: Quarterly Budget Review - September 2024

Executive Summary

- The Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRs) are developed to support Council in meeting its financial reporting obligations under its management and operational plans.
- The QBRs for the first quarter ended 30 September 2024 has been prepared in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- As of 30 September 2024, through careful financial management and governance, Council is pleased to report the following:
 - A Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$1.9 million for the 2024-25 financial year.
 - An increase of \$551,201 in available cash, leading to a projected budget surplus of \$552,277 for the 2024-25 financial year.
 - Projected available cash of \$10.8 million as of 30 June 2025.
- The Chief Financial Officer, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is sound and that adoption of the report will satisfy statutory obligations.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRs) Report; and
- b) adopts the proposed budget variations for September 2024, as detailed in the QBRs attachment to this report.

Attachment/s:

1.  Quarterly Budget Review Statement(September 2024)

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Purpose

This report presents the QBRS for the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year and informs Council of any variations from the original budget.

Discussion

The Office of Local Government has issued guidelines to councils regarding the preparation of Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRs). According to clause 203(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2005, the responsible accounting officer is required to prepare and submit a QBRs to Council.

This Quarterly Budget Review outlines Council's financial performance for the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year in relation to the current budget. It also includes recommendations for adjustments and explanations for any budget variations.

The September budget review resulted in a projected net operating position before capital items of \$1.9 million for the 2024-25 financial year.

Operating Result - Income Statements

	2024-25 Original Budget (\$'000)	2024-25 Carryover (\$000) CO30/24 (23/07/24 Council Meeting)	2024-25 Sep Budget Revision (\$'000)	2024-25 Projected Budget (\$'000)
Revenue from continuing operations	203,225	2,617	9,200	215,042
Expense from continuing operations	193,607	1,916	3,539	199,062
Net Operating Result-Surplus	9,618	701	5,661	15,980
Net Operating Position Before Capital	3,828	(1,916)	16	1,927

The major proposed budget adjustments for the September 24 Quarter are:

Income & Expenses Items	Adjustment (\$000)	Commentary
Rates and Annual Charges	885	Rates income from the approved Special Rate Variation application in May 2024.
Interest Income	750	Additional investment income from an increase in the portfolio balance and prevailing interest rate.
User Charges and Fees	500	Increased fee recovery from several large restorations of roads and footpaths.
Other Revenue	300	Budget added for asbestos cleanup fees.
Operating Grants & Contributions	340	Grants received include \$190,400 for the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Program in NSW, and \$150,000 for the Open Street & Spot On program.
Capital Grants and Contributions	4,969	Budget added includes \$616,934 for the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program, \$3.3 million for walking

Income & Expenses Items	Adjustment (\$000)	Commentary
		and cycling path improvements, and \$1 million for bike path design.
Materials and Contracts -Garbage Disposal	(2,264)	Negotiations with the supplier have been finalised to ensure alignment with the new contamination standards. A provision for these adjustments, including a reconciliation amount, has now been incorporated into the current financial year.
Loss from Asset Disposal	(500)	Estimated written down value of roads scheduled for renewal during the 2024-2025 financial year.
Other Operating Expense	404	The 2024-25 assessment notice resulted in a reduction of \$252,000 for the State Emergency Service Levy and \$152,000 for the Fire Levy.

Observations and Insights

Purchase of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee

On 25 September 2024, Council paid a deposit of \$490,000, representing 10% of the purchase price for 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee. This property acquisition will facilitate the extension of the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walkway and enhance public access at South Coogee, as approved in Council Resolution CO16/24 on 30 April 2024.

The purchase is fully funded from the Environmental Levy Reserve.

The total cost of the purchase and funding are tabled below:

Purchase of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee	Amount
Costing:	
- Purchase Price	\$4,900,000
- Miscellaneous purchase costs including legal and valuations fees	\$155,002
Total purchase cost	\$5,055,002
Funding:	
- Environmental Levy Reserve (100%)	\$5,055,002
Total funding	\$5,055,002

Plant and Fleet

In line with the procurement policy, Fleet Management conducted a market review in July to obtain pricing quotations, which has recently been completed. As a result, eight trucks are scheduled for replacement during the 2024-25 financial year.

For this quarterly budget variation, the budget was reassessed, resulting in a total net replacement cost of \$1.37 million, fully funded from the fleet reserve.

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

This report presents the September Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRs) for the 2024-25 budget. Upon adoption, the variations outlined in this review will be integrated into the current budget and, where applicable, into future revisions of the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Section 203(1) and (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Section 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Local Government Act 1993.

Conclusion

Council is projected to maintain a sound financial position, with a forecasted net operating result before capital items of \$1.9 million. Additionally, Council is on track to achieve a budgeted surplus of \$552,277 for the 2024-25 financial year.

This outlook indicates that Council will be well-positioned to manage upcoming financial commitments and maintain sound financial health.

Responsible officer: Stephen Wong, Chief Financial Officer

File Reference: F2021/00364



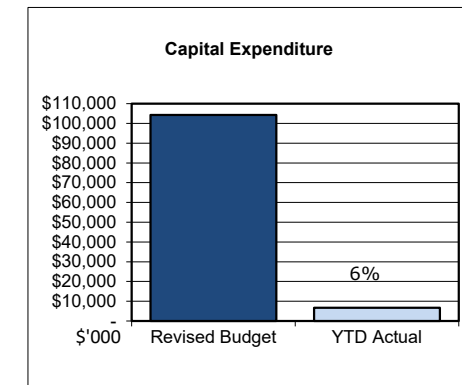
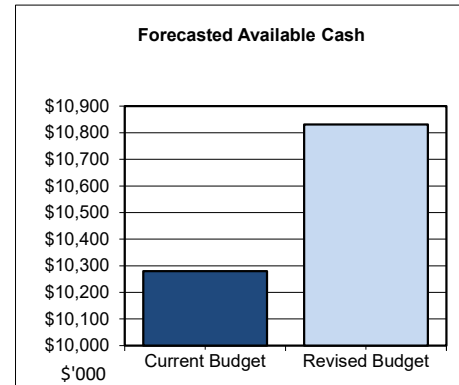
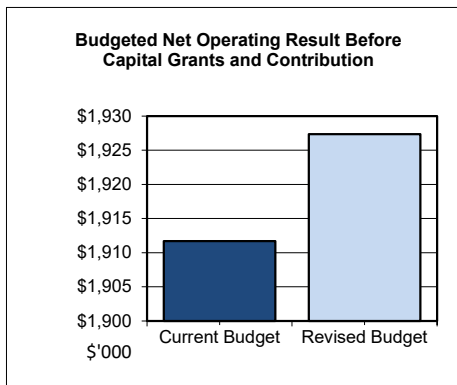
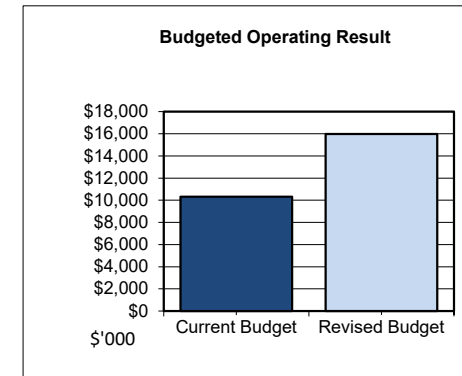
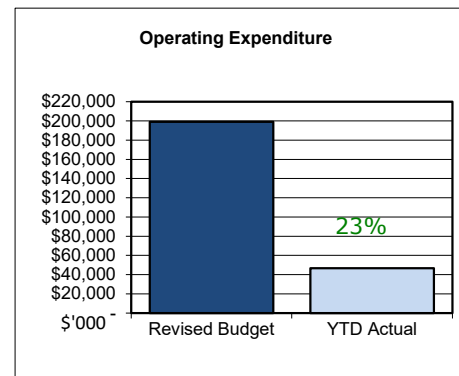
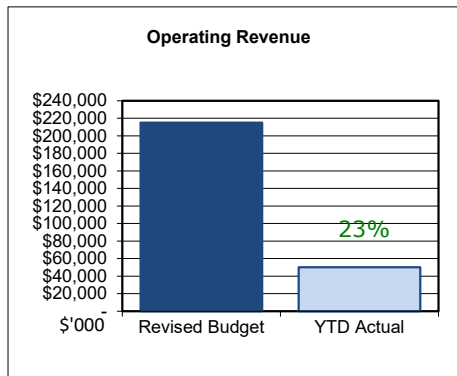
Quarterly Budget Review Statement September 2024




Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2024

Budget Review Key Performance Indicators



		FY2024/25 - SEPTEMBER QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW Variations			Key: Favourable variations Unfavourable variations Budget contras (\$0 impact)
Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)	
Rates and Annual Charges			884,503		
Financial Services	Rates-Environmental	Align rates income with approved Special Rates Variation application in May 2024	884,503	Favourable	
User Fees and Charges			696,851		
Strategic Planning	Section 149 Fees	Increased number of certificate requests lodged	50,000	Favourable	
Strategic Planning	Enquiry Fees	Increased number of property enquiries received during September quarter	8,000	Favourable	
Strategic Planning	Change of Street Address	Increased number of applications received during September quarter	8,000	Favourable	
Strategic Planning	Application Service Fees	Additional heritage exemption application fees expected to be received during the financial year 2024-2025	4,000	Favourable	
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Hoists on Public Roads s68	Increase in local approvals for use of cranes/concrete pumps	50,000	Favourable	
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Compliance and Enforcement Levy	Statutory fees phased out due to legislation change	(23,149)	Unfavourable	
Integrated Transport	Work Zones Fees	Increase in fees expected to be received during the financial year 2024-2025	100,000	Favourable	
Public & Private Restorations	Road Restoration	Increased fee recovery from several large restorations of roads and footpaths ,offset by the increased cost of restoration works	500,000	Contra	
Interest			750,000		
Financial Services	Interest on Investment	Additional investment income resulting from an increase in the portfolio balance and prevailing interest rate	750,000	Favourable	
Other Revenue			653,590		
Financial Services	Legal Cost Recovered - Rates	Additional revenue from legal cost recovery	172,769	Favourable	
Integrated Transport	Car Share Fees	Increased Car Share Fees expected to be received during the financial year 2024-2025	37,000	Favourable	
Ranger Services	Fines - Parking	Revised revenue based on YTD actual and projected forecast	150,000	Favourable	
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Fees Other-Other Recovery	Fees related to asbestos clean up	300,000	Contra	

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Commissions	Realign Long Service Levy for eligible building and construction works with forecast	(2,310)	Unfavourable
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Miscellaneous Reimbursements	Provision of minor reimbursements	(3,869)	Unfavourable
Other Income			(92,890)	
Heffron Centre	Commercial Rentals	Align budget with revised forecasted rental income received from property tenants	(66,440)	Favourable
Property Management	Commercial Rentals	Reduction in income due to fees waived during building work periods (March-September 2024)	(1,855)	Unfavourable
Property Management	Commercial Rentals	Rental Abatement for flooding	(5,700)	Unfavourable
Property Management	Commercial Rentals	Termination of lease for the financial year 2024-2025	(18,895)	Unfavourable
Operating Grants and Contributions			662,565	
Human Resource	Operating Contribution- Others	Parental Leave received via Centrelink	33,134	Favourable
Technical Service Management	Operating Contribution- Street Lighting	Align budget with actual contribution received for street lighting expense	1,097	Contra
Community Nursery	Operating Grants- Others	Align budget with actual apprenticeship subsidy received during September quarter	4,707	Contra
Integrated Transport	Operating Contribution- Others	Additional Drive Line Marking Fees anticipated to be received during the financial year 2024-2025	5,000	Favourable
Bushland Maintenance	Bushland Grants Other	Align budget with the actual grants received via the NSW Environment Trust for bushland maintenance	3,440	Contra
Vehicle Access	Operating Contribution- Vehicle Access Supervision Fee	More application received compared to the original forecast	20,000	Favourable
Vehicle Access	Operating Contribution- Vehicle Access Application Fee	More application received compared to the original forecast	10,000	Favourable
Building Construction	Operating Grants - Other	Grants received from Heritage NSW to fund the repair of the La Perouse Museum Battery Room	39,545	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Domestic Waste Management	Operating Grants-Environmental	Funding is not anticipated to be received during the financial year 2024-2025	(10,000)	Unfavourable
Moverly Children's Centre	Operating Grants-Child Care	Align budget with actual grants received during September quarter for the "Start Strong Long Daycare Program"	19,548	Contra
Development Assessment Services	Operating Grants-Other	Grants from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Program in NSW	190,400	Contra
La Perouse Museum	Operating Grants-Other	Grants from Create NSW for the Arts and Culture Program	140,000	Contra
La Perouse Museum	Operating Grants-Other	Grants from National Library of Australia for the Timbery Family Collection Program	10,694	Contra
Economic Development	Operating Grants-Other	Grants from Transport NSW for the Permit/Plug/Play Program	45,000	Contra
Economic Development	Operating Grants-Other	Grants from Transport NSW for the Open Street and Spot On Program	150,000	Contra
Capital Grants and Contributions			5,645,760	
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Safe Speeds in Hight Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas Program	165,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Randwick to Coogee Bike Path Design	776,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Bundock Street & Sturt Street Bike Path Design	50,610	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	616,934	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Perouse Road & St Pauls Street, Randwick for installing raised threshold and pedestrian crossing	9,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Walking and Cycling Path Improvement Programs(Get NSW Active)	3,332,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Anzac Parade Bike Path Design	193,216	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Grants from Transport NSW for the Active Travel to School Program	231,000	Contra
Building Construction	Capital Grants - Specific Purpose-Recreation	Grants from NSW Premiers Department for the Maroubra Beach Playground Upgrade	272,000	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Employee Costs			(120,000)	
IMT Operating	Permanent Salaries	Budget transfer to Consultancies General for the temporary arrangement of the Cyber Security Coordinator and furniture upgrade	(120,000)	Contra
Materials and Contracts			3,722,147	
Financial Service	Legal Expenses-Other	Align the budget with increased legal cost recoveries	172,482	Unfavourable
IMT Projects	Software Licensing	Budget reallocated to the CCTV and Access Infrastructure Program	(160,000)	Contra
IMT Operations	Plant Furniture & Equipment Acquisition	Budget transfer from permanent salaries for furniture upgrades as part of the building refurbishment project	15,120	Contra
IMT Operations	Consultancies-General	Budget transfer from permanent salaries for the temporary arrangement of the Cyber Security Coordinator	104,880	Contra
Administrative Service	Legal Expenses-Other	Align budget with current forecast	20,000	Unfavourable
Administrative Service	Event/Function Expenses	Budget for oath affirmation ceremony on 4th October 2024	15,000	Unfavourable
Councillor's Expenses	Superannuation Councillors	Revised budget to align with the Office of Local Government remuneration requirements	50,000	Unfavourable
Sustainability Strategy	Contracts - Other	Transfer budget from Donations and Contributions for the Ecological Footprint Program	155,000	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Advertising	Transfer budget to Printing and Design	(10,000)	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Printing and Design	Budget transfer from Advertising to cover evaluation and survey costs	10,000	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Advertising	Budget transfer to the Marine Coastal Program	(21,000)	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Event/Function Expenses	Budget transfer from Advertising for the Marine Coastal Program	21,000	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Event/Function Expenses	Budget transfer to Water Conservations Strategy	(6,000)	Contra
Water Conservation Strategy	Contracts - Other	Budget transfer from Sustainability Strategy for Grow it Local Food Waste Avoidance Program	6,000	Contra
Sustainability Strategy	Event/Function Expenses	Budget transfer to Library for Lionel Bowen Young Writers Award-Sustainability Team	(4,000)	Contra
Climate Protection Strategy	Contracts - Other	Budget reallocated to the Admin Building LED Lights Program (\$200K) and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Program (\$260k)	(460,000)	Contra
Technical Service Management	Street Lighting	Increase cost to align with the additional grants received	1,097	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Fleet Management	IMT -Telecommunications Mobile Service	Budget related to truck telecommunications parts, funded by the fleet reserve	150,000	Unfavourable
Community Nursery	Labour Hire/Agency Staff	Budget related to apprenticeship payments, funded by subsidy received from Australian Apprenticeships	4,707	Contra
Integrated Transport	Consultancies-Informing Strategies budget	Budget transfer to the Parking Review Program	(40,000)	Contra
Bushland Maintenance	Materials	Budget related to bushland maintenance cost, funded by grants received from NSW Environment Trust	3,440	Contra
Beach Services	Contracts - Other	Budget reallocated to the Smart Beach (Southern Beach) Program	(58,000)	Contra
Beach Inspectors	External Repairs & Maintenance	Budget reallocated to the Smart Beach (Southern Beach) Program	(10,400)	Contra
Beach Inspectors	Consultancies-General	Budget reallocated from Beach Service Contracts and External Repairs & Maintenance for the Smart Beach (Southern Beach) Program	68,400	Contra
Public & Private Restorations	Contracts - Other	Increased cost due to several large restoration works	500,000	Contra
Building Construction	Consultancies-General	Budget related to La Perouse Museum Battery Room Repair Program, funded by grants from Heritage NSW	39,545	Contra
DWM-On-Call Clean Up Service	Garbage Disposal	Negotiations with the supplier have been finalised to ensure alignment with the new contamination standards, provision for these adjustments has now been incorporated into the current financial year(GMT288/24, 2nd October 2024 GMT Meeting)	200,000	Unfavourable
DWM-Illegal Dumping Management	Garbage Disposal	Negotiations with the supplier have been finalised to ensure alignment with the new contamination standards, provision for these adjustments has now been incorporated into the current financial year (GMT288/24, 2nd October 2024 GMT Meeting)	200,000	Unfavourable
DWM-Green Waste (FOGO) Service	Garbage Disposal	Negotiations with the supplier have been finalised to ensure alignment with the new contamination standards, provision for these adjustments has now been incorporated into the current financial year (GMT288/24, 2nd October 2024 GMT Meeting)	1,200,000	Unfavourable
DWM-Green Waste (FOGO) Service	Garbage Disposal	Negotiations with the supplier have been finalised to ensure alignment with the new contamination standards, provision for account payable to Veolia (period from 1st September 2023 to 30th June 2024) has now been incorporated into the current financial year. (GMT288/24, 2nd October 2024 GMT Meeting)	664,000	Unfavourable
Library Administration	Events - Function Expenses	Budget transfer from sustainability strategy for Lionel Bowen Young Writers Award-Sustainability Team	4,000	Contra
Moverly Children's Centre	Events/Functions Expenses	Budget related to long daycare program, funded by grants received	19,548	Contra
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Consultancies-General	Budget related to asbestos clean up, fully funded by fees recovery	300,000	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Health, Building and Regulatory Services	Contracts - Other	Budget related to the use of cranes/ concrete pumps, fully recovered by additional fees received	50,000	Contra
Development Assessment Service	Consultancies-General	Budget related to the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Program in NSW, fully funded by grants from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	176,000	Contra
Development Assessment Service	Advertising	Budget related to the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Program in NSW, fully funded by grants from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	14,400	Contra
La Perouse Museum	Contracts - Other	Budget related to the Timbery Family Exhibition and Collection Program, fully funded by grants from National Library of Australia	10,694	Contra
La Perouse Museum	Events - Function Expenses	Budget related to the Arts and Culture Program, fully funded by grants from Create NSW	140,000	Contra
Randwick Literary Institute	Event/Function Expenses	Budget reallocated to Randwick Literary Institute for kitchen renewal and repair	(53,766)	Contra
Randwick Literary Institute	External Repairs & Maintenance	Budget transfer from Events/Function Expenses for kitchen repair	35,000	Contra
Economic Development Strategy	Consultancies-General	Budget related to the Permit/Plug/Play Program, fully funded by grants from Transport NW	45,000	Contra
Economic Development Strategy	Event/Function Expenses	Budget related to the Open Street and Spot On Program, funded by the grants from Transport NSW(\$150K) and saving from other Economic Development Strategy Program(\$51k)-(CC9/24, 28th May 2024 Council Meeting)	201,000	Contra
Economic Development Strategy	Event/Function Expenses	Budget reallocated to Open Street and Spot On Program(CC9/24, 28th May 2024 Council Meeting)	(51,000)	Contra
Gain or Losses from the Disposal of Asset			500,000	
Asset Depreciation	WDV on Asset Disposal - Roads	Estimated written down value of roads scheduled for renewal during the financial year 2024-2025	500,000	Unfavourable
Other Operating Expenditure			(563,189)	
Financial Operations Organisation	NSW Planning & Environmental-SRDF (Sydney Region Development Fund) Levy	Align budget with actual assessment notice, received in March 2024	(14,216)	Favourable

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Financial Operations Organisation	Fire Brigade Service Levy	Align budget with actual assessment notice, received in April 2024	(152,472)	Favourable
State Emergency Service	State Emergency Service Levy	Align budget with actual assessment notice, received in April 2024	(251,501)	Favourable
Sustainability Strategy	Donations and Contributions to Local and Regional Bodies	Budget transfer to Consultancies General for Ecological Footprint Program	(155,000)	Contra
General Community	Community Program	Additional budget related to Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service Agreement	10,000	Unfavourable
Capital Works			15,440,293	
Property Management	49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee	Budget related to purchase of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee, fully funded by environmental levy reserve	5,055,002	Unfavourable
IMT Projects	IMT Network CCTV and Access Infrastructures	Additional CCTV equipment replacement cost at end of useful life, funded by saving from software licensing(\$160k) and IMT End User Equipment(\$67k)	227,375	Contra
IMT Projects	IMT End User Equipment	Budget transfer to IMT Network CCTV and Access Infrastructures	(67,375)	Contra
Parks Construction	Parks Updates	Budget transfer to Playground Upgrades for Bieler Park	(20,000)	Contra
Parks Construction	Playground Upgrades	Budget transfer from Parks Updates for Bieler Park Playground Upgrade	20,000	Contra
Parks Construction	Playground Upgrades	Budget related to Purcell Park Outdoor Gym Works, funded from S7.12 Reserve	100,000	Contra
Parks Construction	Little Bay	Safety improvement budget for the Little Bay	5,800	Contra
Parks Construction	Public Arts Plan	Budget transfer to Public Art & Monument Restoration	(50,000)	Contra
Parks Construction	Public Art & Monument Restoration	Budget transfer from Public Arts Plan	50,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Concrete Road Repair	Budget transfer from Local Roads Program for Concrete Road Repairing	500,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Local Roads Program	Budget transfer to Concrete Road Repair Program	(500,000)	Contra
Road Construction	Retaining Walls	Budget transfer from Local Roads Program for Wylie's Baths Deck Structural Assessment	100,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Local Roads Program	Budget transfer to Retaining Walls	(100,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Footpath construction Program	Budget related to Voluntary Planning Agreement for the Cedar Pacific Development at 177-197 Anzac Parade, Kensington, funded by S7.12 Contribution K2K(\$340K) and Community Infrastructure Contribution K2K(\$270K)	610,000	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Roads Construction	Transport NSW Funded Projects	Budget related to install a 40KM/h zone in area bounded by Anzac Parade and Alison Road, Kensington, fully funded by grants from Transport NSW	165,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Clovelly Road Masterplan	Budget transfer to Coogee Beach Amenities & Kiosk Program for Coogee Smart Locker Program	(18,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Clovelly Road Masterplan	Budget transfer to Capital Works Design Package	(5,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Capital Works Design Package	Budget transfer from Clovelly Road Masterplan for temporary engineering agency staff	5,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Budget transfer from Climate Protection Strategy	260,000	Contra
Roads Construction	TfNSW Randwick to Coogee Bike Path	Budget related to Randwick to Coogee Bike Path Design, fully funded by grants from Transport NSW	776,000	Contra
Roads Construction	TfNSW Bundock & Sturt St-Bike Path	Budget related to Bundock & Sturt Street Bike Path Design, fully funded by grants from Transport NSW	50,610	Contra
Roads Construction	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Fully funded by Grants from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	616,934	Contra
Roads Construction	Commercial Centre Parking Review	Budget transfer from Integrated Transport	40,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Australian Government Black Spot Program	Budget related to Perouse Road & St Pauls Street, Randwick Black Spot Program, fully funded by grants from Transport NSW	9,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Kingsford Streetscape	Budget related to Meek St Plaza-Harbourne Paving, funded by S7.12 Contributions-K2K Kingsford	135,097	Contra
Roads Construction	Maroubra Junction Streetscape Improvement	Budget related to Maroubra Junction Streetscape Improvement, funded from Infrastructure Reserve	1,200,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Get NSW Active	Budget related to Maroubra Road Walking and Cycling Improvement, funded by grants from Transport NSW	300,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Get NSW Active	Budget related to Todman Avenue & Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvement, funded by grants from Transport NSW	358,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Get NSW Active	Budget related to South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Improvement, funded by grants from Transport NSW	2,000,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Get NSW Active	Budget related to Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvement, funded by grants from Transport NSW	411,000	Contra
Roads Construction	Get NSW Active	Budget related to Paine Reserve Shared Path Improvement, funded by grants from Transport NSW	263,000	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Roads Construction	TfNSW Anzac Parade Bike Path	Budget related to Anzac Parade Bike Path Design, fully funded by grants from Transport NSW	193,216	Contra
Roads Construction	Active Travel to School	Budget related to Active Travel to School Program, fully funded by grants from transport NSW	231,000	Contra
Drainage Construction	Drainage Capital Works	Budget related to Anzac Parade, Phillip Bay Drainage Upgrade, transfer from Stormwater Relining Program	100,000	Contra
Drainage Construction	Stormwater Relining Program	Budget transfer to Drainage Capital Works	(100,000)	Contra
Building Construction	Coogee Transit Amenities	Budget transfer from Clovelly Road Masterplan for Coogee Smart Locker Program	18,000	Contra
Building Construction	Randwick City Council Administration Building	Budget transfer from Climate Protection Strategy related to LED lighting upgrade	200,000	Contra
Building Construction	Maroubra Beach Master Plan	Budget related to Maroubra Beach Playground Upgrade, funded by grants from NSW Premier's Department	272,000	Contra
Building Construction	Little Bay Amenities	Budget transfer to Little Bay for safety improvement	(5,800)	Contra
Building Construction	3-7 Lexington Place, Maroubra	Budget related to the renewal of 3-7 Lexington Place, Maroubra, funded by Affordable Housing reserve	237,700	Unfavourable
Plant and Fleet	Fleet-Trucks	Following Request for Quotation in July 2024, Council proposed the purchase of eight trucks	1,777,968	Unfavourable
Randwick Literary Institute	Randwick Literary Institute	Budget transfer from Institute Events/Function Expense for kitchen upgrade	18,766	Contra
Reserves				(10,330,073)
Fleet Management	Int Restricted Reserve-Operational Plant Replacement	Transfer from reserve to fund purchase of truck telecommunication mobile service equipment	(150,000)	Unfavourable
Plant and Fleet	Int Restricted Reserve-Operational Plant Replacement	Transfer from reserve to fund the purchase of 8 trucks following Request for Quotation	(1,370,394)	Unfavourable
Parks Construction	Int Restricted Reserve-Infrastructure reserve	Budget related to Wills Reserve Playground Upgrade, originally partially funded through Infrastructure reserve, now funded from S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	72,392	Favourable
Parks Construction	Int Restricted Reserve-Our Community Our Future	Budget related to Wills Reserve Playground Upgrade, originally partially funded through Our Community Our Future, now funded from S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	18,522	Favourable
Parks Construction	Int Restricted Reserve-Carryover Works	Budget related to Wills Reserve Playground Upgrade, originally partially funded through Carryover Works, now funded from S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	8,380	Favourable
Roads Construction	Int Restricted Reserve-Infrastructure reserve	Transfer from reserve to fund the Maroubra Junction Streetscape Improvement	(1,200,000)	Contra

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable /Unfavourable /Budget contras)
Financial Service	Ext Restricted Reserve- Environmental Levy	Transfer expected financial year 2024-25 environmental rates payment to reserve	884,503	Favourable
IMT Projects	Ext Restricted Reserve- Domestic Waste Management	Transfer from reserve to fund the Specialized Waste Management Solution Software-SAAS	(92,383)	Unfavourable
Property Management	Ext Restricted Reserve- Environmental Levy	Transfer from reserve to fund the purchase of 49 Cuzco Steet, South Coogee	(5,055,002)	Unfavourable
Parks Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	Budget related to Wills Reserve Playground Upgrade, originally funded through Infrastructure reserve, OCOF and Carryover Works, now funded from S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	(99,294)	Unfavourable
Parks Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- S94 Reserve-Places for People	Transfer from reserve to fund the Purcell Park Outdoor Gym Works	(100,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kensington	Transfer from reserve to fund the Public Domain Works for 177-197 Anzac Parade, Kensington	(340,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- Community Infrastructure Contribution-K2K Kensington	Transfer from reserve to fund the Public Domain Works for 177-197 Anzac Parade, Kensington	(270,000)	Contra
Roads Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- S7.12 Contribution-K2K Kingsford	Transfer from reserve to fund the Meek St Plaza-Harbourne Paving Jobs	(135,097)	Contra
Building Construction	Ext Restricted Reserve- S7.23 Affordable Housing VPA (City Wide)	Transfer from reserve to fund the renewal of 3-7 Lexington Place, Maroubra	(237,700)	Unfavourable
Domestic Waste Management	Ext Restricted Reserve- Domestic Waste Management	Transfer from reserve to fund the increased garbage disposal cost due to rate variation and contamination charges	(2,264,000)	Unfavourable
Net Deficit/Surplus			551,201	
Add Current 2024-25 Budget Deficit/Surplus			1,076	
Total Revised 2024-25 Budget Deficit/Surplus			552,277	



Budget Review for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2024 Income and Expenses

	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Approved Changes Carry Over 2023-24 (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	Proposed Sep Review (\$'000)	Total Revised Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Sep Actuals (\$'000s)	Comment
REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS							
Rates And Annual Charges	148,948	-	148,948	885	149,832	37,069	Additional rates income as per approved Special Rates Variation application in May 2024
User Charges And Fees	23,616	-	23,616	697	24,313	6,203	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Increased fee recovery from several large restorations of roads and footpaths, offset by the increased cost of restoration works (\$500K); - Increased work zones fees expected to be received during the financial year 2024-2025(\$100K); - Increase in local approvals for use of cranes/ concrete pumps (\$50K);
Interest	5,175	-	5,175	750	5,925	2,022	Additional investment income resulting from an increase in the portfolio balance and prevailing interest rate
Other Revenues	6,807	-	6,807	654	7,460	1,538	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Fees recovery related to asbestos clean up (\$300K); - Additional revenue from rates legal cost recovery (\$173K); - Revised parking fines based on YTD actual and projected forecast(\$150K); - Increased Car Share Fees expected to be received during the financial year 2024-2025 (\$37K);
Other Income	5,704	-	5,704	(93)	5,611	1,272	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Align budget with revised forecasted rental income received from property tenants of Heffron Centre (-\$66K); - Termination of lease for the financial year 2024-2025(-\$19k);
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,185	-	7,185	663	7,847	902	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Grants from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Program in NSW(\$190K); - Grants from Transport NSW for the Open Street and Spot On Program (\$150K); - Grants from Create NSW for the Arts and Culture Program(\$140K); - Grants from Transport NSW for the Permit/Plug/Play Program(\$45k);
Capital Grants and Contributions	5,790	2,617	8,407	5,646	14,052	1,141	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Transport NSW Grant - Walking and Cycling Path Improvement Programs-Get NSW Active (\$3.3m); - Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Grants (\$616K); - Transport NSW Grant - Randwick to Coogee Bike Path Design(\$776K); - Transport NSW Grant - Active Travel to School Program(\$231k); - NSW Premiers Department Grant - Maroubra Beach Playground Upgrade(\$272k);
Total Revenue from Continuing Operations	203,225	2,617	205,841	9,200	215,042	50,146	
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS							
Employee Costs	88,817	-	88,817	(120)	88,697	20,665	Budget transfer to IT Consultancies General for the temporary arrangement of the Cyber Security Coordinator and for furniture upgrade
Borrowing Costs	547	-	547		547	143	
Materials & Contracts	71,085	1,916	73,002	3,722	76,724	17,619	The budget variation is mainly due to: - Additional Consultancy Cost for Public and Private Restoration Works (\$500K); - Increased garbage disposal cost due to rate variation and contamination charges (\$2.3m); - Budget related to asbestos clean up, fully funded by fees recovery(\$300K); - Open Street and Spot On Program -trial activities to support business(\$201k);
Depreciation & Amortisation	27,351	-	27,351		27,351	6,838	
Other Operating Expenses	5,807		5,807	(563)	5,244	1,443	The budget variation is mainly due to: - State Emergency Service Levy - Align budget with actual assessment notice(-\$251k); - Fire Brigade Service Levy - Align budget with actual assessment notice(-\$152K); - Budget transfer to Consultancies General for Ecological Footprint Programme - Sustainability Strategy (-\$155k);
Losses from Disposal of Assets		-	-	500	500		Estimated written down value of roads scheduled for renewal during the 2024-2025 financial year
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	193,607	1,916	195,523	3,539	199,062	46,708	
Net Operating Result -Surplus/(Deficit)	9,618	701	10,318	5,661	15,980	3,438	
Net Operating Result Before Capital Items	3,828	(1,916)	1,912	16	1,927	2,297	

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Budget Review for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2024 Capital Budget

	Approved Changes			Proposed Sep Review (\$'000)	Total Revised Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Sep Actuals (\$'000s)
	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Carry Over 2023-24 (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
Parks Construction Projects	8,661	7,396	16,057	106	16,163	1,689
Roads Construction Projects	11,626	7,221	18,847	7,601	26,448	2,531
Drainage Construction Projects	2,230	1,263	3,493		3,493	380
Building Construction Projects	11,555	26,679	38,234	5,796	44,030	1,342
Library Resources	310		310		310	44
Plant & Equipment Purchases	6,838	3,599	10,437	1,778	12,215	427
ICT Equipment	932	524	1,456	160	1,616	286
Corporate Change Management			-		-	
Total Capital Expenditure	42,153	46,682	88,835	15,440	104,275	6,699

Notes:

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Current Budget +/- recommended changes this quarter = Total Revised Budget

	Approved Changes			Proposed Sep Review (\$'000)	Total Revised Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Sep Actuals (\$'000s)
	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Carry Over 2023-24 (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)			
CAPITAL FUNDING						
Rates and Other Untied Funding	16,194		16,194	219	16,413	2,927
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,926	2,617	4,543	5,646	10,189	
Proceeds on Asset Disposal Plant and Equipment	1,138	763	1,900	408	2,308	
External Restrictions						
Domestic Waste	5,636	737	6,374		6,374	2
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants		107	107		107	
Section 94	7,051	2,462	9,513	100	9,613	604
S7.12 Contributions - K2K		500	500	574	1,074	34
Community Infrastructure Contribution-K2K				270	270	
Affordable Housing				238	238	
Stormwater Management	1,930	694	2,624		2,624	380
Environmental Levy	1,040	1,315	2,355	5,515	7,870	552
Internal Restrictions						
Plant Replacement	2,565	2,558	5,123	1,370	6,493	425
Works Incomplete/Future Works Reserve		21,720	21,720	(8)	21,711	694
Our Community Our Future	4,300	6,306	10,606	(19)	10,587	555
Building Levy		659	659		659	
Infrastructure Reserve	373	1,969	2,342	1,128	3,470	412
Infrastructure Loan		4,275	4,275		4,275	115
Total Capital Funding	42,153	46,682	88,835	15,440	104,275	6,699



Budget Review for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2024 Cash and Investments

ORIGINAL Budget +/- approved budget changes in previous quarters = CURRENT Budget

CURRENT Budget +/- recommended changes this quarter = REVISED Budget

		Approved Changes						
	Opening Balance as at 1 July 2024	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Carry Over 2023-24 (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	Proposed Sep Review (\$'000s)	Total Revised Budget (\$'000s)	Projected Closing Balance 30 June 2025	YTD Sep Actuals (\$'000s)
Externally Restricted								
Domestic Waste	11,936	(5,184)	(737)	(5,921)	(2,357)	(8,278)	3,658	5,526
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	3,203		(736)	(736)		(736)	2,467	(263)
Section 94	12,450	(4,567)	(2,462)	(7,029)	(100)	(7,129)	5,321	260
Affordable Housing	1,064	32		32	(238)	(206)	858	8
Stormwater Management	1,950	(1,005)	(694)	(1,698)		(1,698)	252	661
Environment Levy	7,567	921	(1,809)	(888)	(4,170)	(5,058)	2,509	59
S7.12 Reserve - Affordable Housing - K2K	5,679	2,000		2,000		2,000	7,679	
S7.12 Contributions - K2K	3,049	900	(500)	400	(574)	(174)	2,875	(34)
Community Infrastructure Contribution-K2K	1,661			-	(270)	(270)	1,391	
Total Externally Restricted	48,559	(6,902)	(6,938)	(13,840)	(7,709)	(21,549)	27,010	6,218
Internally Restricted								
Des Renford Leisure Centre	285	-	-	-		-	285	
Election of Councillors	710	(700)	-	(700)		(700)	10	
Employee Leave Entitlements	9,292	500	-	500		500	9,792	125
Information & Communication Technology	4,457	-	(48)	(48)		(48)	4,409	1,000
Infrastructure Reserves	6,374	(373)	(1,969)	(2,342)	(1,128)	(3,470)	2,904	(413)
Insurance Claims /Risk Management	2,414	-	-	-		-	2,414	
Plant Replacement	10,235	64	(2,558)	(2,495)	(1,520)	(4,015)	6,220	232
Property Development Reserves	1,404	-	-	-		-	1,404	
Refundable Bonds & Deposits	3,266	-	-	-		-	3,266	
Carry Over Works	30,208	-	(22,466)	(22,466)	8	(22,457)	7,751	(1,729)
Our Community Our Future	12,087	(279)	(6,306)	(6,585)	19	(6,566)	5,520	1,244
Light Rail Support Plan	89	-	-	-		-	89	
Prince Henry Centre	62	-	-	-		-	62	
Randwick Environmental Park	764	(160)	-	(160)		(160)	604	(13)
Heffron Centre		-	-	-		-	-	
Affordable Housing Rental Scheme	1,069	-	-	-		-	1,069	
Economic Development	465	-	-	-		-	465	
Randwick Literary Institute	35	-	-	-		-	35	
Building Levy	708	-	(659)	(659)		(659)	49	
Lionel Bowen Library	111	-	-	-		-	111	
La Perouse Museum	774	-	-	-		-	774	
Community Connect	20	-	-	-		-	20	
Community Creative	52	-	-	-		-	52	
Community Partnerships	17	-	-	-		-	17	
Education and Training	88	-	-	-		-	88	
Strategic Planning	23	-	-	-		-	23	
Kingsford&KensingtonTownCentres(Public Domain)	1,645	-	-	-		-	1,645	
Infrastructure Loan	4,414	-	(4,275)	(4,275)		(4,275)	138	(115)
Financial Assistance Grant Advance Payment	4,088	-	-	-		-	4,088	
Total Internally Restricted	95,154	(948)	(38,281)	(39,229)	(2,621)	(41,850)	53,304	332
Total Restricted	143,713	(7,850)	(45,219)	(53,069)	(10,330)	(63,399)	80,314	150,263
Total Cash and Investments	153,992	(7,849)	(45,219)	(53,068)	(9,779)	(62,847)	91,145	171,880
Available Cash	10,279	1		1	551	552	10,831	21,618

Note: Although there is a YTD Balance of \$21.6M as at 30 September 2024, these funds have already been committed through Council's capital works program and/or normal operations. The balance of available cash will decrease as the financial year progresses and capital works projects are completed. The projected closing balance of available cash remains \$10.8M.

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Budget Review
for the quarter ended 30 Sep 2024
Consultancy and Legal Expenses

Expense	Expenditure YTD \$	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	302,589	Y
Legal Fees	269,143	Y

Definition of consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Randwick City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statements

for the period ending 30 September 2024

Statement by Responsible Accounting Officer

made pursuant to Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Randwick City Council for the quarter ended 30 September 2024 indicates that Council's projected financial position at year end will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates.

The restricted funds of Council have been invested in accordance with Council's current Investment Policy (adopted November 2019).

Council's bank account in the general ledger and the cashbook has been reconciled with bank statements as at 30/09/2024.



RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO60/24

Subject: Update on Acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee

Executive Summary

- In April 2024 Council resolved to grant consent to the acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee, granting authority to the General Manager to negotiate with the Estate following consultation with the Mayor, Cr Neilson and Cr Hamilton and report back to Council on the process and outcome of the acquisition.
- The property purchase terms were negotiated and agreed by the parties, with the property settlement undertaken on 15 November 2024.
- Early access to the property was granted to initiate site investigation for future capital works.

Recommendation

That Council notes the status of the acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee for the extension of the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walkway to enhance public access at South Coogee.

Discussion

Council resolved on 30 April 2024:

“RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Luxford) that Council grants consent to:

- a) *commence and facilitate the acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee (Lot 27 Section 2 in Deposited Plan 1081) under Section 30 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991;*
- b) *making an application to the Minister for Local Government to issue a Proposed Acquisition Notice under the Acquisition Act in respect of the land;*
- c) *making an application to the Government for the publication of an Acquisition Notice in the NSW Government Gazette under the Acquisitions Act;*
- d) *delegating authority to the General Manager to negotiate with the Estate, make offers following consultation with the Mayor, Cr Neilson and Councillor Hamilton and execute any documents in relation to this matter deemed appropriate by Council’s legal advisors, on behalf of Council to attempt to reach reasonable agreement to acquire the land;*
- e) *affixing the Council’s seal on any legal documents in relation to this matter deemed appropriate by Council’s legal advisors;*
- f) *classifying the land as “community land” in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, upon purchase of the subject property; and*
- g) *reporting back to Council on the process and outcome of the acquisition.”*

The property at 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee was identified as providing the best opportunity to link a pedestrian corridor from Cuzco Street to Seaside Avenue, being a roadway that abuts the rear of 49 Cuzco Street.

The acquisition of the property by Council was also the subject of a Council report dated 25 June 2002, which resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: (Schick/Procopiadis) “that:

- (a) *A further written attempt be made to secure a First Right of Refusal over the property at 49 Cuzco Street, Coogee and, in the event that a positive outcome is not achieved on this occasion, Council pursues its other options as outlined in this report; and*
- (b) *Should Mrs Waugh agree to granting First Right of Refusal over the property at 49 Cuzco Street, Council undertake naming of that corridor for the walkway in her honour; and*
- (c) *The General Manager and the Mayor be responsible for negotiations in relation to any acquisition of portion of 30 Marine Parade, Maroubra within the terms previously resolved by Council.”*

In accordance with the council resolution of 30 April 2024 part d) during negotiations council officers consulted with the Mayor Veitch, Councillor Neilson and Councillor Hamilton.

Council successfully negotiated the purchase of the property from Joseph Waugh, the executor of the Estate of the late Ellen Waugh for the purchase price of \$4,900,000 plus disturbance costs (made up of legal, valuation, relocation expenses and payment in-lieu of half of the stamp duty)

of approximately \$155,000.00. Contracts of sale were signed on 4 October 2024 and settlement was set down for 15 November 2024.

Works are required to provide formal access through the site. The cost of demolition and construction works are to be funded from the capital works program for the coastal walkway. This funding will be considered as part of the 2025/26 Capital works budget. Council officers are currently completing due diligence on the cost of demolition and indicative costs for the works. This will allow for the accurate allocation of funds in the next financial year.

A concept will be prepared, consultation undertaken, and detail design finalised.

The previous Council report in 2002 identified that Council undertakes the naming of the corridor for the walkway in honour of Ms. Ellen Waugh.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Open Space and Recreation
Outcome	A city with open space that grows and changes with the community
Objective	Every home in Randwick City will have open space of 1000m2 within 800m by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Identify opportunities for acquisition or repurposing of land for open space.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The purchase price has been funded from Council's Environmental Levy.

Policy and legislative requirements

Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) & Real Property Act 1900
Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Conclusion

The Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 & Land Acquisition Map, Council's Environmental Strategy and Open Space and Recreation Strategy all detail the need to provide a continuous link in the Coastal Walk at South Coogee. The acquisition of 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee meets this direction.

Responsible officer: Sharon Plunkett, Coordinator Property

File Reference: F2004/06325

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO61/24

Subject: Monthly Investment Report - October 2024

Executive Summary

- This report provides an overview of Council's investment portfolio and performance as of 31 October 2024.
- All investments have been managed in accordance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, as well as Council's Investment Policy.
- As of 31 October 2024, Council's total investment and cash portfolio stood at \$162.0M. The portfolio generated \$0.7M in interest for the month.
- The investment portfolio provided a solid return of +0.43% (actual) or +5.16% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.37% (actual) or +4.50% p.a. (annualised).
- The investment return remains sound. Investment income for the year to date, 31 October 2024, is \$2.7M, exceeding original budget expectations by \$1.0M and representing 53.51% of the current annual budget.
- Council's cash and investments portfolio is substantially restricted in both internal (\$95.2M) and external (\$52.9M) reserves, to satisfy Council's legislative responsibilities and to set aside specific funds for major initiatives outlined within the 2022-2026 Delivery Program. The remaining unrestricted fund balance stands at \$13.9M, providing for ongoing operational needs.
- Cash flow will continue to be closely monitored to meet sufficient liquidity for operational needs, including the upcoming \$4.6M settlement for the purchase of the property at 49 Cuzco Street, South Coogee.

Recommendation

That the Investment Report for October 2024 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The Local Government (General) Regulation requires a written report to be provided to the Ordinary meeting of the Council giving details of all monies invested and a certificate as to whether the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations, and the Council's Investment Policy.

Background

In line with sound financial management principles, surplus cash not required for Council's immediate operational needs is strategically invested within defined risk parameters. The primary goal is to optimise interest income while ensuring the security and liquidity of these funds.

All surplus cash is invested in authorised investments that comply with relevant legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.

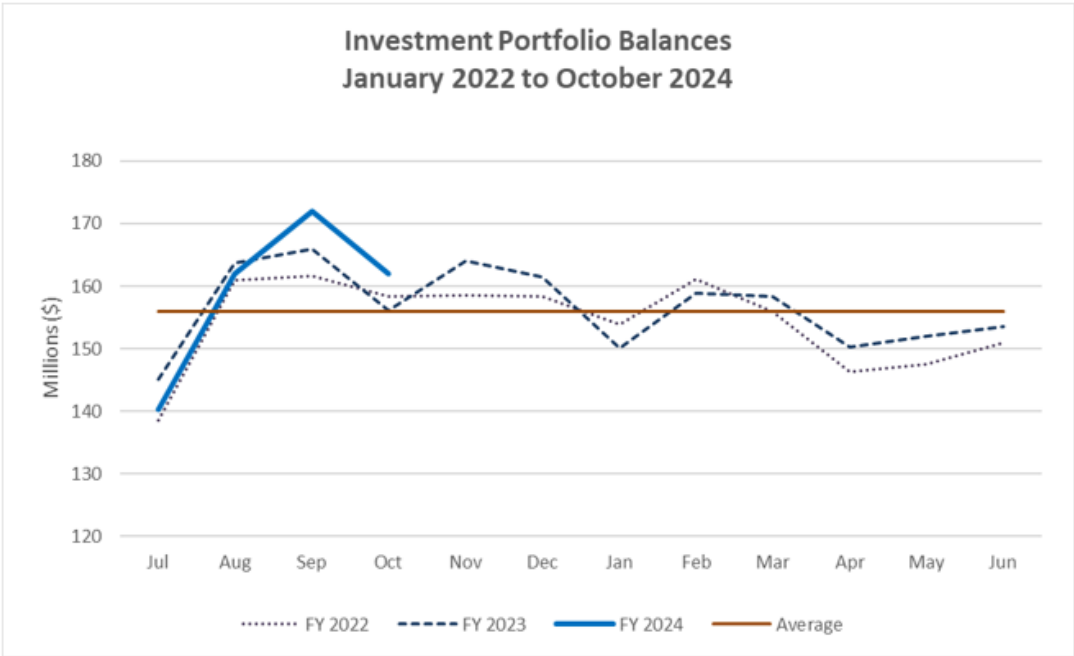
Cash flow is continuously monitored to ensure sufficient liquidity for day-to-day operations, enabling Council to:

- Maintain a balanced operating result;
- Meet payment obligations on time to manage debtor balances effectively; and
- Support the financing of capital projects.

Portfolio Overview

As of 31 October 2024, the Council's investment portfolio had a market value of \$162.0M. The portfolio decreased of \$9.9M during the month. The value of the investment portfolio can fluctuate significantly from month to month, primarily due to cyclical cash inflows. These inflows are primarily driven by the timing of rates instalment due dates and the receipt of various grants, including Financial Assistance Grants.

The variances in the portfolio value from January 2022 to October 2024 are shown in the chart below.



The majority of Council's investment portfolio is allocated to term deposits, comprising 66.09% of the total portfolio. The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA (5.82%), senior floating rate notes (FRNs) (27.04%) and a "AAA" rated fixed covered bond with ING (1.04%).

The FRNs provide added liquidity, with most being accessible within 2-3 business days. These FRNs are predominantly issued by higher-rated Australian Deposit-taking Institutions, enabling Council to maintain a focus on more secure and high-quality investments.

The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed to optimise performance and minimise risk. Ongoing comparisons are made between current investments and alternative products not yet included in the portfolio. Independent advice is also sought to identify and assess new investment opportunities.

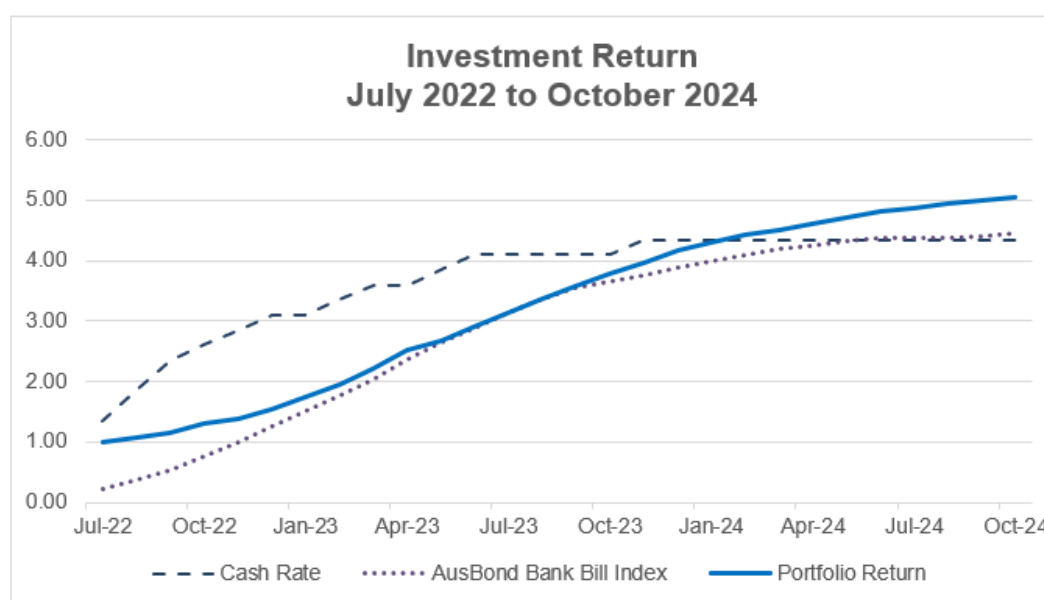
Investment Performance

For October 2024, the portfolio generated \$0.7M in interest, yielding a return of +0.43% (actual) or +5.16% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index, which returned +0.37% (actual) or +4.50% p.a. (annualised).

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.36%	1.08%	2.17%	1.45%	4.36%	4.01%	2.94%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.37%	1.12%	2.23%	1.49%	4.45%	4.05%	2.94%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.42%	1.26%	2.53%	1.69%	4.96%	4.31%	3.26%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.45%	1.36%	2.71%	1.82%	5.44%	4.97%	3.93%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.09%	0.28%	0.55%	0.37%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Council's Portfolio*	0.43%	1.28%	2.55%	1.71%	5.04%	4.41%	3.37%
Outperformance	0.05%	0.16%	0.32%	0.22%	0.59%	0.35%	0.43%

*Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

The following graph compares the portfolio's investment returns with the AusBond Bank Bill Index and the official RBA cash interest rate for the period from October 2022 to October 2024.



Investment income for the year to date, as of 31 October 2024, totals \$2.7M, surpassing budget by \$1.0M and representing 53.51% of the original annual budget.

Market Condition and Economic Overview

At its latest meeting on 5 November 2024, the RBA Board decided to keep the cash rate on hold at 4.35%, where it has remained since November 2023.

While headline inflation for the September quarter was 2.8% year-on-year, within the RBA's target range of 2-3%, this outcome was largely driven by government subsidies on energy and fuel.

Markets are now anticipating that the RBA may begin to cut rates in mid-2025. In light of this, Council is considering allocating surplus cash to longer-term deposits in order to lock in current rates and benefit from higher returns before any potential rate cuts.

Investment Breakdown by Asset Type

On-Call Funds

- On-call funds are maintained to meet Council's immediate cash flow requirements. As of the end of October 2024, the on-call balance stands at \$9.4M, representing 5.82% of the total investment portfolio.

Counterparty	Rating	Balance 30 Sep 2024	Movement	Balance 31 Oct 2024	Interest Rate
CBA	AA-	\$8,991,758	\$437,296	\$9,429,054	4.35%

Term Deposits

- At month's end the portfolio included \$107.0M million in term deposits, making up 66.09% of the total investment portfolio.
- Six deposits matured in October 2024 totalling \$11.5M.
- One new term deposit was placed in October 2024 for \$1M.
- As at the end of October 2024, the term deposit portfolio yielded 4.95% p.a. (unchanged from the previous month).

Counterparty	Rating	Balance 30 Sep 2024	Movement	Balance 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	3/12/2025	1.70%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	9/12/2026	1.88%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/01/2023	22/01/2025	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/01/2023	15/01/2025	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/01/2023	8/01/2025	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/01/2023	31/12/2024	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/01/2023	23/12/2024	4.80%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-	12/01/2023	16/10/2024	4.67%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,500,000	-\$1,500,000	-	25/01/2023	9/10/2024	4.38%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-	21/02/2023	2/10/2024	4.98%
CBA	AA-	\$1,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	28/02/2023	12/03/2025	4.98%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	28/02/2023	18/06/2025	4.94%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	28/02/2023	25/06/2025	4.94%
NAB	AA-	\$1,500,000	-	\$1,500,000	2/03/2023	9/04/2025	4.95%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-	23/05/2023	23/10/2024	4.80%

Counter-party	Rating	Balance 30 Sep 2024	Movement	Balance 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	6/06/2023	29/01/2025	5.00%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	6/06/2023	5/02/2025	5.00%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	1/08/2023	19/03/2025	5.20%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-	1/08/2023	30/10/2024	5.28%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	8/08/2023	16/04/2025	5.16%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	1/09/2023	26/03/2025	5.05%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-	1/09/2023	9/10/2024	5.14%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	5/09/2023	18/12/2024	5.13%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	3/11/2023	5/11/2025	5.52%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	30/11/2023	6/11/2024	5.37%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	1/12/2023	23/04/2025	5.38%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	5/12/2023	2/04/2025	5.35%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	30/01/2024	15/01/2025	5.17%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	30/01/2024	30/04/2025	5.13%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	8/02/2024	7/05/2025	5.09%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	8/02/2024	17/09/2025	5.00%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	29/02/2024	2/07/2025	4.99%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	29/02/2024	9/04/2025	5.01%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,500,000	-	\$2,500,000	7/03/2024	22/01/2025	5.12%
Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	29/04/2024	18/06/2025	5.35%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	20/05/2024	9/07/2025	5.15%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	4/06/2024	16/07/2025	5.31%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	4/06/2024	23/07/2025	5.31%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	6/06/2024	18/12/2024	5.19%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	13/06/2024	17/12/2025	5.15%
BOQ	A-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	1/07/2024	12/02/2025	5.35%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	25/07/2024	30/07/2025	5.35%
ING	A	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	30/07/2024	24/09/2025	5.26%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	7/08/2024	1/10/2025	4.98%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	15/08/2024	8/10/2025	5.01%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	19/08/2024	15/10/2025	4.93%

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Counter-party	Rating	Balance 30 Sep 2024	Movement	Balance 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	26/08/2024	22/10/2025	4.92%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	27/08/2024	29/10/2025	4.95%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	27/08/2024	28/01/2026	4.75%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	29/08/2024	24/12/2025	4.84%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	29/08/2024	25/03/2026	4.71%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	29/08/2024	15/07/2026	4.55%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	2/09/2024	25/06/2025	4.98%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	2/09/2024	7/01/2026	4.85%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	2/09/2024	15/04/2026	4.75%
Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	2/09/2024	24/06/2026	4.70%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	9/09/2024	21/01/2026	4.77%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	10/09/2024	14/01/2026	4.78%
NAB	AA-	\$1,500,000	-	\$1,500,000	16/09/2024	15/10/2025	4.85%
ING	A	\$1,500,000	-	\$1,500,000	16/09/2024	1/10/2025	4.89%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	16/09/2024	11/06/2025	4.97%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	18/09/2024	9/07/2025	4.90%
Westpac	AA-	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	04/10/2024	07/10/2026	4.55%
TOTAL		\$117,500,000	- \$10,500,000	\$107,000,000			

Floating Rate Notes

- The portfolio includes \$43.8M in FRNs (indicative value), making up 27.04% 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 31 October 2024 increased by ~\$30K.
- Council will continue to look at opportunities and new issuances as they become available, and switch if viable.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
UBS AG	A+	\$3,000,000	\$2,998,464	26/02/2021	26/02/2026	3m BBSW + 50 bps
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	\$1,700,000	\$1,699,142	18/06/2021	18/06/2026	3m BBSW + 58 bps
NAB	AA-	\$3,100,000	\$3,095,124	24/08/2021	24/08/2026	3m BBSW + 41 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$1,750,000	\$1,746,897	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	3m BBSW + 41 bps

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$1,800,000	\$1,803,508	25/01/2022	25/01/2027	3m BBSW + 78 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$2,000,000	\$2,003,640	27/01/2022	27/01/2027	3m BBSW + 73 bps
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,750,000	\$1,762,717	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	3m BBSW + 95 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	\$2,800,000	\$2,817,228	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	3m BBSW + 93 bps
NAB	AA-	\$3,200,000	\$3,231,968	16/11/2023	16/11/2028	3m BBSW + 103 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$2,250,000	\$2,276,192	21/11/2023	21/11/2028	3m BBSW + 115 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	\$750,000	\$755,233	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	3m BBSW + 96 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$2,000,000	\$2,013,226	26/02/2024	26/02/2029	3m BBSW + 103 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$2,500,000	\$2,512,858	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	3m BBSW + 98 bps
ING	A	\$500,000	\$502,541	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	3m BBSW + 95 bps
NAB	AA-	\$1,800,000	\$1,808,204	22/03/2024	22/03/2029	3m BBSW + 90 bps
BOQ	A-	\$2,500,000	\$2,522,488	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	3m BBSW + 128 bps
Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$800,000	\$804,457	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	3m BBSW + 105 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000	\$1,503,488	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	3m BBSW + 86 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$1,900,000	\$1,902,696	17/07/2024	17/07/2029	3m BBSW + 87.6 bps
ING	A	\$2,700,000	\$2,709,256	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	3m BBSW + 91 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	\$3,300,000	\$3,306,442	27/09/2024	27/09/2029	SQASW + 95bps
Total		43,600,000	\$43,775,767			

Fixed Bonds

- In August 2021, Council purchased \$1.8 million (face value) of AAA-rated fixed covered bonds from ING Bank Australia at a discount. The bonds carry a fixed coupon rate of 1.10%, payable semi-annually on the \$1.8 million face value.
- The indicative value reflects the amount Council would receive on 31 October 2024 if it were to sell the bonds before their maturity date. However, selling prior to maturity would only be considered if it results in a capital gain. Holding the bonds to maturity guarantees the return of the full principal, along with semi-annual interest payments over the life of the investment.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 Oct 2024	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ING Covered Bond	AAA	\$1,794,762	\$1,688,636	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	1.10%
Total		\$1,794,762	\$1,688,636			

Investment Compliance

Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains well-diversified in terms of maturity, with investments spread across maturities of up to 5 years, in alignment with Council's strategic objectives. Short-term holdings ensure liquidity, while longer-term investments capture favourable returns. The maturity profile is structured to maximise returns while maintaining an appropriate balance of liquidity and risk.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested	%	Min Limit	Max Limit
✓	0-90 days	\$31,929,054	19.72%	15%	100%
✓	91-365 days	\$59,500,000	36.75%	15%	100%
✓	1-2 years	\$35,228,262	21.76%	0%	70%
✓	2-5 years	\$35,236,141	21.77%	0%	50%
✓	5-10 years	-	-	0%	25%

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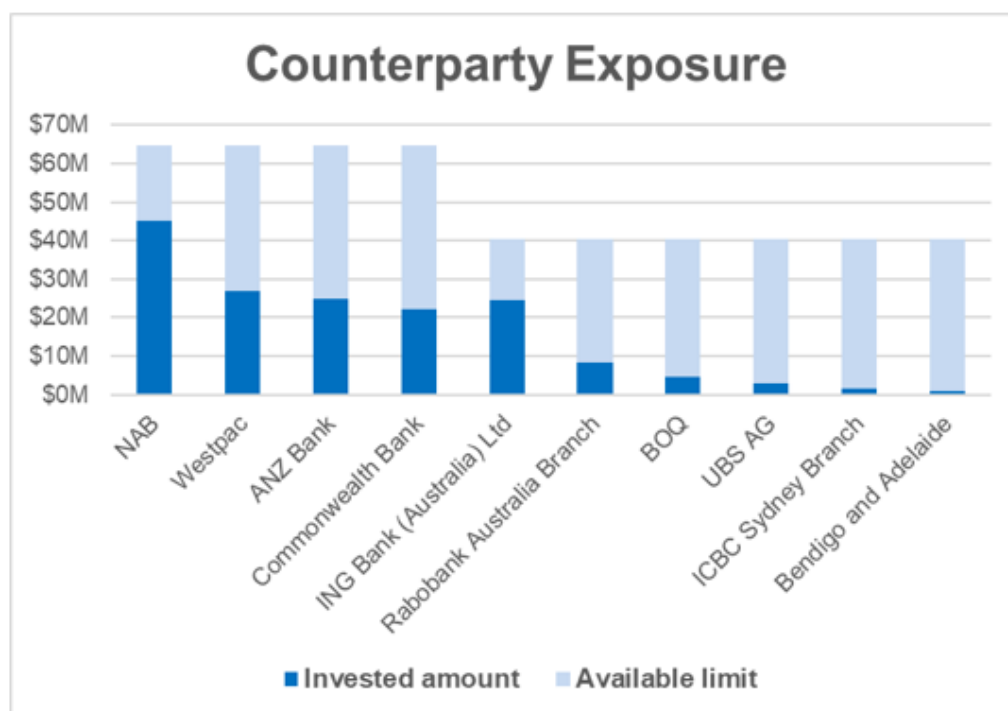
As of the end of October 2024, and based on long-term S&P ratings, Council remains compliant with its policy across all individual counterparties. The investment portfolio is entirely allocated to assets rated "A" or higher, in line with Council's adopted policy framework.

Compliant	Rating	Invested	Invested	Max. Limit	Available
✓	AAA Category	\$1,688,636	1.04%	100%	\$160,204,822
✓	AA Category	\$119,272,721	73.67%	100%	\$42,620,737
✓	A Category	\$40,932,101	25.28%	80%	\$88,582,665
✓	Unrated ADIs	-	-	0%	-

Counterparty

The table below outlines the individual counterparty exposures in relation to Council's current investment policy, based on long-term S&P ratings.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested	%	Max. Limit	Available
✓	NAB	AA-	\$45,135,296	27.88%	40%	\$19,622,087
✓	ANZ Bank	AA-	\$24,945,653	15.41%	40%	\$39,811,730
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$22,191,772	13.71%	40%	\$42,565,611
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$27,000,000	16.68%	40%	\$37,757,383
✓	UBS AG	A+	\$2,998,464	1.85%	25%	\$37,474,900
✓	Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$8,195,754	5.06%	25%	\$32,277,610
✓	ICBC Sydney Branch	A	\$1,699,142	1.05%	25%	\$38,774,223
✓	ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	\$24,400,432	15.07%	25%	\$16,072,932
✓	BOQ	A-	\$4,522,488	2.79%	25%	\$35,950,877
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	\$804,457	0.5%	25%	\$39,668,908



CO61/24

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	Funding fossil fuel	Position
ANZ Bank	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Commonwealth Bank	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
NAB	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Westpac	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Rabobank Australia Branch	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
UBS AG	Not yet determined	No position provided.
ICBC Sydney Branch	Not yet determined	No position provided.
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Bank of Queensland	No	Do not loan to fossil fuels.
Bendigo and Adelaide	No	Do not loan to fossil fuels.

Based on the investment portfolio balance of \$161.9M as at 31 October 2024 (excluding cash), funding with green initiatives banks made up 3.29% of total investment, or \$5.3M. Funding with banks that have exposure to fossil fuels constitutes 93.81%, or \$151.9M. The remaining 2.90% are not yet determined as no position has been provided by the financial institutions.

Institutions	Invested	Invested %
No exposure to fossil fuels	\$5,326,944	3.29%
Exposure to fossil fuels	\$151,868,908	93.81%
Not yet determined	\$4,697,606	2.90%

Restricted Funds (Local Government Act 1993 s409)

Council's restricted and unrestricted funds as of 31 October 2024 are shown below. Unrestricted cash refers to funds that are readily available or easily convertible to cash for Council's day-to-day operations. Restricted cash is either externally or internally restricted. Externally restricted cash can only be used in accordance with legislative responsibilities or contractual obligations, while internally restricted cash is designated for specific Council-funded commitments outlined in the operational plan and adopted budget.

Balance as at 31 Oct 2024	
Restricted Cash & Investments	
External restricted	\$52,926,267
Internal restricted	\$95,160,746
Total Restricted Cash & Investments	\$148,087,012
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	\$13,906,002
Total Cash & Investments	\$161,993,014

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
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.
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 allocation for investment income in the 2024-25 financial year was set at \$5.0M. As of 31 October 2024, income earned to date totals \$2.7M, representing 53.51% of the budgeted amount for the year. The consistent portfolio balance, high cash rate, and strategic investment management have contributed to 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 primary objective of capital preservation, while also seeking to maximise returns, in alignment with the Investment Policy for the 2024-25 financial year. As of 31 October 2024, the investment return remains sound, with investment income totalling \$2.7M, which is \$1.0M above the budgeted expectations.

All investments as of 31 October 2024 have been made in full compliance with the Local Government Act, relevant regulations, and the Council's Investment Policy.

Responsible officer: Jasmine Hoang, Financial Accountant

File Reference: F2016/06527

CO61/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM85/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr D'Souza - Recycling of used clothes and textiles

Motion:

1. That Council acknowledges the actions currently undertaken to reduce used clothing and textiles going into landfill including:
 - a) collecting clothing from households through RecycleSmart
 - b) accepting clothing items at the Randwick Recycle Centre
 - c) Saturday Circle and the community clothes swap
 - d) publishing local clothing charity stores on the RCC website.
2. That Council staff investigate and report back to Council on opportunities to partner with local charities to develop a program of additional ways to collect and divert used clothes and textiles from landfill.

Background:

Port Stephens Council has partnered with BlockTexx®, an Australian clean technology company, to divert unwanted household linens from landfill at a dedicated drop-off day. Randwick Council can consider following a similar approach for textiles and old clothes.

The theme can be 'Give a sheet or old clothes for the planet'.

This will give residents an environmentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted textiles and clothes.

Over the years, a significant amount of items have gone into landfill. We have an opportunity to good and protect our planet.

"Reuse Reduce Recycle"

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor D'Souza, South Ward

File Reference: F2004/06202

NM85/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM86/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Support for Nurses and Midwives

Motion:

That Council:

1. notes that that the Randwick LGA is home to the second largest hospital campus in New South Wales and includes the major public hospitals of Prince of Wales Hospital, The Royal Hospital for Women and the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick;
2. acknowledges the critically important work performed by Nurses and Midwives in ensuring patients' health, care and wellbeing;
3. notes that entry level NSW nurses and midwives are the lowest paid in the country, making it challenging to attract and retain new talent, and further:
 - a. nurses and midwives are leaving NSW for better wages and conditions in QLD & VIC, where pay is between 10% to 22% higher. This exodus is leaving our hospitals understaffed and putting patient care at risk;
 - b. in real terms, NSW public sector nurses' and midwives' wages are sitting at 2008 levels;
 - c. this predominately female workforce is paid significantly lower than other male dominated industries in NSW.
4. notes that Public sector nurses and midwives in NSW are calling for justified and necessary improvements to help rebuild our public health services, and are demanding a 15% pay increase, plus superannuation, for all nurses and midwives from 1 July 2024;
5. acknowledges that nurses and midwives should not be required to trade off safe staffing levels (which is for the benefit of every resident of NSW), for their 15% pay increase;
6. write to the NSW Premier the Hon Chris Minns MP, NSW Health Minister the Hon Ryan Park MP, the member for Coogee Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP and the NSWNMA noting points 1- 5 and voicing our support for the NSWNMA (NSW Nurses and Midwives Association) campaign for a 15% pay increase, plus superannuation, for all nurses and midwives from 1 July 2024.

Background:

Wages of NSW nurses and midwives have not kept up with inflation. In real terms Their wages have fallen by over 10% since 2020 and are now at the level prevailing before the time Treasury's wage cap was imposed in 2011.

Over the last 25 years NSW nurses and midwives have only partly shared in the significant productivity growth Australian workers have helped generate. This is a trait which has afflicted large numbers of workers across many occupational categories. Collectively this has meant employees' share of GDP is at record lows. Over the last four decades corporate profits as a share of national income has increased from 20% to 30%. The economy can afford for employees to share in a greater proportion of the nation's income –it is time to begin remedying this imbalance.

In terms of relative pay NSW nurses and midwives lag three distinct groups:

- compared to other occupations nurses and midwives earn less than just about all other professions and many non-professional occupations, such as real estate agents, (by up to

\$75,000 per annum), finance brokers (by over \$100,000 per annum) and many sales representatives (by \$10,000-\$20,000 per annum).

- amongst NSW public sector workers, entry level nurses and midwives are paid less than teachers, police and firefighters (often by margins of 10%-20%). Given recent wage agreements this situation is set to worsen, especially in comparison with paramedics.
- in 2024 under the four-year agreement, NSW police officers will receive a wage hike of between 22% and 39% – more than 10,000 officers will receive a pay rise of at least 25% during the period.
- in 2023, NSW teachers secured a pay rise which saw starting salaries lift from \$75,791 to \$85,000 and top of the scale teacher salaries increase from \$113,042 to \$122,100.
- In 2023, almost 5,000 NSW paramedics received an average wage increase of 25 per cent over four years – with increases ranging from 11 to 29 per cent.

Nurses and midwives in many other States and Territories are better paid. At entry level NSW pays the second lowest rates in the country and are 18% lower than that paid in Queensland. At the top of the incremental structure NSW is in the middle of the pack and pays 8% less than that paid to equivalent nurses and midwives in Queensland.

[The Log of Claims submitted by the NSWNMA seeks to address these issues](#)

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM87/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Safeguarding native vegetation and bushland sites in the Randwick LGA

Motion:

That Council:

1. recognises its commitment to restore and protect the diversity of ecosystems, and increase by at least 60%, the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, as detailed in the Randwick City Environment Strategy;
2. notes further its obligation to improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by planting and maintaining 14,000m² of native and indigenous ground covers, shrubs and trees starting in areas between Kamay National Park, Bunnerong Road Chifley Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, Yarra Bay bushland areas and Malabar Headland National Park by 2026 and extending into additional areas of the City, as detailed in the Randwick City Environment Strategy;
3. acknowledges the importance of our bushland areas to local residents and the significant ongoing contribution made by Bushcare Volunteers to caring for them through weeding, planting, pruning and removing rubbish;
4. consult with Bushcare Volunteers and local residents, and conduct site surveys and wildlife assessments, prior to the removal or significant pruning of native vegetation and bushland sites, to minimise impacts and protect the biodiversity of these ecosystems.
5. bring forward the review of the 1994 Malabar Beach and Foreshore Plan of Management.

Background:

Bushland is found in a variety of forms within Randwick City, including 'natural areas' such as remnant bushland, wetlands, the coastal foreshore, scattered vegetation and open spaces. Often these categories may overlap or have blurred boundaries.

Some of our bushland reserves contain species of national and state significance and it is Council's obligation to protect and improve the health of these species. Many other species have intrinsic, cultural, scientific, aesthetic or educational values.

The Bushcare program has run continuously within Randwick City Council since 1993, making our volunteers integral to the preservation of Randwick's bushland. At present there are 15 Bushcare groups working regularly between 2 and 4 hours each month across various sites, focusing on key bushland reserves across Randwick City.

The Bushcare groups work with Council's Bushcare Officer as part of our bush regeneration program removing weeds, planting indigenous plants, and installing soil erosion controls. Many of our sites occur along the Eastern Suburbs coastline and encompass a variety of ecosystem types.

The volunteer groups with many others from our local community contribute as much as 2,000 hours a year to the betterment of our LGA.

Bushcare volunteers were devastated by the recent severe pruning and removal of shrubs and other native plants they had grown and tended for many years along the foreshore at Malabar along Bay Parade. Many years of careful work was destroyed without any consultation with this group, and habitat for endangered species such as the superb fairy wren was destroyed during the critical nesting season. It's critical to ensure that our bushland sites are protected and preserved.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2005/00360

NM87/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM88/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Wilson - Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee

Motion:

That the Terms of Reference of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee be amended as follows (additional text is underlined):

5. Membership

Community representatives

The committee will consist of no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10) community representatives with expertise in the practice of the arts or in arts administration, and seven (7) Councillors. Community representatives will be sought on the basis of their specific expertise and involvement in a range of cultural practices including, but not limited to:

- Performing arts (music, dance, drama, film)
- Literature
- Visual arts
- Aboriginal arts, culture and heritage
- Arts education.

There will be (if possible) at least one (1) and no more than two (2), community representatives from each category, acknowledging that some members may represent more than one discipline.

Background:

Membership of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee is currently uncapped. This results in the committee having many community representatives and often several from the same or similar disciplines. This amendment aims to limit the size of the committee while ensuring that a diversity of arts practitioners is represented.

The motion also seeks to include teachers of the arts as members of the committee, particularly teachers of music, dance and/or drama who are currently not represented on the committee. The motion also seeks to potentially include arts educators from the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Wilson, East Ward

File Reference: F2022/00449

NM88/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM89/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Activation of Broadarrow Reserve for overflow parking

Motion:

That:

- a) Council request a report to be included in the December 2024 ordinary council meeting detailing the costs of activating Broadarrow Reserve for overflow beachside parking between December and February on Sundays & Public Holidays where large number of visitors to Maroubra Beach are expected due to favourable weather conditions being forecast;
- b) any activation of the reserve is appropriately resourced and funded;
- c) the activation of the reserve for overflow parking is not considered when Maroubra beach is closed due to hazardous or dangerous surf conditions;
- d) should we proceed with this extra overflow parking council will determine whether Broadarrow Reserve will be open or not, on the proceeding Wednesday or Thursday and advise the community on our website;
- e) overflow parking is not to occur on scheduled market days taking place at the reserve; and
- f) Council also maintain overflow beachside parking for special events that occur at other times as is the current practice;

Background:

In 2023 community consultation was undertaken with regards to the use of Broadarrow Reserve for overflow parking between November and March on weekends and public holidays. 34% were in favour and an additional 9% mentioned that they wanted to go further regarding permanent parking at the reserve. Therefore 43% were in favour of some type of parking at the reserve. During the consultation there was some incorrect messages on social media and elsewhere that the intention was to pave the reserve which was never the intention at all. Without this the number of persons in favour of overflow parking would have likely have been higher.

At the November 2023 ordinary council meeting council resolved the below (CS56/23)

- a) Council maintain the current practice of only activating Broadarrow Reserve for overflow beachside parking on limited occasions during the year for special events;*
- b) any activation of the reserve is appropriately resourced and funded; and*
- c) the activation of the reserve for overflow parking is not considered when Maroubra beach is closed due to hazardous or dangerous surf conditions.*

At the meeting I moved an amendment to have overflow parking on Sundays and Public Holidays from December to February which was significantly less overflow activations than what was put to the community in the consultation This amendment was defeated by 8 votes to 7.

As a result of the non- activation of overflow parking in the 2023/4 summer season numerous complaints were made by beach goers regarding the continuing difficulty of finding parking. As such this is an issue that needs to be re-addressed

Source of Funding:

The funding will come from the 2024-25 Operational Plan.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2023/00481

NM89/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM90/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Combating anti-semitic graffiti

Motion:

That Council:

- a) notes:
 - a. that anti-semitic graffiti is occurring in the Randwick local government area specifically targeted at the Jewish community.
 - b. that graffiti is a criminal act of vandalism
 - c. incidents of this occurrence have increased substantially in the last 13 months;
- b) continues to immediately remove the graffiti upon notification;
- c) provides a copy of Council's register of antisemitic graffiti (which includes the date, time, location of each incident) every six months to the NSW Police, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and the Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism in Australia;
- d) in conjunction with the police and other agencies, undertakes an immediate security assessment that includes but is not limited to:
 - a. identifying locations of vulnerability.
 - b. examining the suitability of installing additional and/or higher specification CCTV cameras in specific locations
 - c. other security measures as identified within the security assessment; and
- e) officers prepare a report to Council with options to implement the recommendations of the security assessment, a budget and a time frame.

Background:

There have been many cases of anti-semitic graffiti appearing in our LGA being reported and most of these have been in the last 13 months. This is causing great stress to the sizable Jewish community in our LGA. Waverley council passed a Mayoral Minute at their October meeting regarding measures to combat anti-semitic graffiti in their LGA and given we are having similar issues we need similar measures.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2011/00120

NM90/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM91/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Asgari - Pollution at Coogee Beach

Motion:

That Council:

- 1) notes that Mayoral Minute 49/24 indicated that the pollution event on Coogee and other beaches in the Randwick LGA on 15 October was caused by 'tar balls'.
- 2) notes the Urgent Business UB12/24 to write to the State and Federal Governments requesting an investigation into water quality at all Randwick Beaches and a full breakdown of the recent "tar ball" incident.
- 3) notes that investigations and testing of the material by UNSW, EPA and Randwick Council's staff and consultants.
- 4) prepares a report collating the technical information available on the possible causes of the tar balls washing onto Council's beaches and provides that report to Council and the Coogee Stormwater Committee.

Background:

According to Document No.: D02872928, dated 14/03/2017 community have been concerned about water pollution at Coogee beach. Southern Courier report that Sydney Water has admitted that 'a leak in either the sewerage network or a private residence is polluting Coogee Beach. On October 15 Coogee Beach closed after unknown debris found washed ashore. The black balls then surfaced at Clovelly Beach, Gordons Bay and the northern end of Maroubra Beach.

The EPA confirmed on Thursday that balls had also been found at Bondi, Bronte, Tamarama, Little Bay, Malabar, Frenchmans and Congwong beaches.

Randwick City Beaches were reopened after cleaning up on Saturday October 19. UNSW, Randwick Council and EPA did some investigations and testing of the material. According to ABC News dated November 7, it's still unclear where the balls came from, but the Environment Protection Authority said the "the complex composition" of the balls meant they were unable to confirm their exact origin.

After debris balls were widely reported to be tar, testing coordinated with EPA revealed they were consistent with human-generated waste, while UNSW stated that the balls' makeup was "consistent with human-generated waste, like the types of things you would find from domestic waste in a regular sewer".

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Masoomah Asgari, East Ward

File Reference: F2013/00569

NM91/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM92/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Willington - Responsible investments within Randwick City Council's Investment Policy

Motion:

That Council:

- a) notes that the Investment Policy Version 5, is due for review 28 February 2025;
- b) notes that corporate investment best practice recognises that environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) can and do have a material impact on financial investment outcomes;
- c) acknowledges that leading public sector investment authorities (such as the NSW Treasury Corporation, T Corp) explicitly recognise “managing material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities, including climate change, will result in better long-term investment outcomes”;
- d) review its Investment Policy to ensure it incorporates the identification, evaluation, management and monitoring of material ESG risks to deliver optimal investments for Council, consistent with investment best practice and Council's values and strategic goals.

Background:

Randwick City Council (RCC) is required by NSW Govt legislation to have an Investment Policy which is reviewed annually. All amendments must be approved by resolution of Council.

The review of the RCC Investment Policy, Version 5 due 28 February 2025 provides a timely opportunity to bring the Council's Investment Policy into alignment with Council's overarching values and strategic goals to:

- Increase resilience and environmental sustainability
- Recognise the state of Climate Emergency
- Enhance community economic and social wellbeing.

The management of public money requires an approach that balances “value” (a responsible investment strategy with good returns) against “values” (the ethical intentions of the investor). The use of ESG framework allows a considered appraisal of investments that ensures good returns and the opportunity to invest in socially and environmentally beneficial alternatives. This approach to responsible, ethical investment has been adopted by other Local Government Areas (LGAs) in NSW and other jurisdictions in Australia such as Waverley, City of Sydney, Inner West and Yarra City Council. ESG has also been embraced by more than 14,000 companies across the world in 42 industry sectors including leading firms such as Apple, European Investment Bank, Cisco Systems, PayPal and Siemens. It is considered that the principles of responsible, ethical investment are widely understood and practiced in the Australian community and that this motion is in accordance with a societal movement that is transitioning to responsible, ethical investing.

The motion seeks to strengthen RCC's Investment Policy by enshrining the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) approach to investing. This will provide the policy framework Council needs for responsible, ethical investment: (i) a prudent approach to Council's investments; (ii) the minimisation of the environmental, social and governance risk factors affecting Council's investments; and (iii) better financial returns by avoiding investment in environmental and socially harmful activities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Clare Willington, North Ward

File Reference: F2016/06527

NM92/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM93/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Safe keeping of sandstone artwork 199 Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee

Motion:

That council:

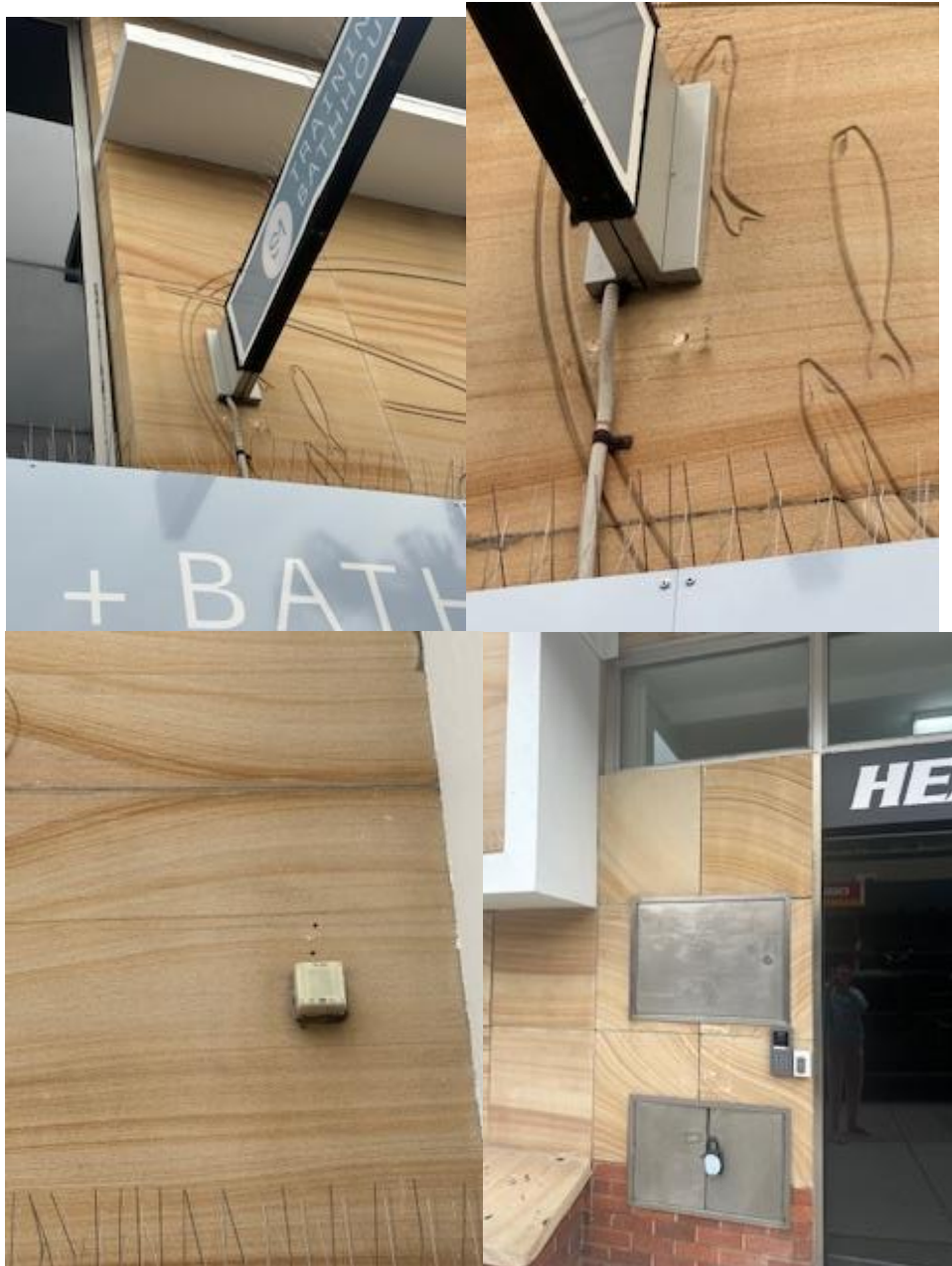
- a) negotiate the release of the sandstone facade artwork on the privately owned property on the corner of Brooke Street and Coogee Bay Road;
- b) store the sandstone artwork at a facility owned by Randwick Council; and
- c) consider installation on a public building within Coogee, potentially the new/upgrade of amenities building on Arden Street

Background:

In considering there is no other artwork of this type in Coogee and its long term publicly accessible location, request the owner of the building to hand ownership of the tiles over to council and consider relocating it in its entirety to a permanent location, still within Coogee, where the public can admire it for years to come.



NM93/24



Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Carolyn Martin, East Ward

File Reference: F2019/01523

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM94/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Investigate landscaping of park adjacent to the Matraville Community Hall

Motion:

That Council investigate the landscaping of the park next to Matraville Community Hall, including simple design options such as rockery and seating benches and the potential for a children's playground on the Knowles Avenue sides.

Background:

Provide a zen like landscaped park as a calming area next to the Matraville Community Hall.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2004/07745

NM94/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM95/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Review of bicycle tracks

Motion:

That a review of all bicycle tracks, constructed or proposed, be conducted in conjunction with the results of the door knock of Doncaster Avenue.

Background:

A door knock was conducted with some strong concerns by residents which need to be addressed.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Luxford, West Ward

File Reference: F2010/00375

NM95/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM96/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Investigate public toilets for Kokoda Park playground and John Calopedos playground

Motion:

That Council investigate public toilets at both these sites.

Background:

Kokoda Park has no toilet facilities and the only facilities available at John Calopedos are in the car park area behind the grandstand. Both these parks are heavily utilised by families with small children looking for toilets. Kensington has no public toilet facilities at all.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Luxford, West Ward

File Reference: F2007/00080

NM96/24

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM97/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Said - Report on improving lighting at Heffron Park field 55

Motion:

That Council staff bring back a report with costs and viability of improving lighting on field 55 at Heffron Park.

Background:

Field 55 has been used for soccer clubs during the day for years however, clubs have been unable to use at night for training. Also, participation numbers in Oztag have been growing especially in women's and mixed teams, and the field is vital for the growing sport.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Said, South Ward

File Reference: F2004/06135

NM97/24

Question with Notice No. QN16/24

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr D'Souza - Accessibility matting at Yarra Bay Beach

Question:

That Council Officers provide an update on the following items:

1. Accessibility matting at Yarra Bay Beach similar to Malabar Beach to increase accessibility for people with disabilities, elderly, people and mothers with prams to have safe access to Yarra Bay Beach.
2. Accessible pathway or walkway to increase accessibility for the elderly, mothers with strollers and people with lesser ability to access the beach.
3. Council lifeguards and the local surf club lifesavers patrols of Yarra Bay Beach.

Background:

With the Yarra Bay Sailing Club attracting many people to the bay and beach and also many gatherings of all cultures throughout the year using the beach and the fact that Yarra Bay has become a very popular beach for so many people as there are no waves and seniors, people with disabilities, children feel safe a review should be carried out for Yarra Bay be patrolled on weekends and public holidays to ensure safety of beach goers.

Response from Director City Services:

To be distributed in a supplementary business paper.

Submitted by: Councillor D'Souza, South Ward

File Reference: F2020/00216

QN16/24

Question with Notice No. QN17/24

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Burst - Update on park gym in Woomera Reserve, Little Bay

Question:

Could Council be provided with an update on the status of NM111/22 - Park Gym in Woomera Reserve Little Bay?

Response from Director City Services:

Council officers have undertaken planning for the playground upgrade and new outdoor gym. The project is now at the procurement phase.

A report regarding the outcome of a Tender process is scheduled to be included on the agenda of the December 2024 Council meeting.

Subject to Council endorsement of the recommended contractor, construction is anticipated to commence in February 2025.

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2022/00634

QN17/24

Question with Notice No. QN18/24

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Veitch - Employment of casual staff

Question:

1. How many casual positions have been advertised by Council in the last twelve months?
2. What percentage of total jobs advertised does this figure represent?
3. How many staff are in positions are being filled by job agencies, and what are their roles?
4. How many casuals have been employed for a period of:
 - a. 1-12 months;
 - b. 1 - 5 years;
 - c. 5 - 10 years;
 - d. greater than ten years.
5. What is the percentage of casuals employed by department (eg children's services, DRLC etc), and in what type of roles?
6. Please provide data on the gender and age brackets of casual staff?
7. How many casuals have advanced in pay grade since beginning as a casual?
8. How many casual staff have been offered / accepted employment on a permanent basis over the last year?
9. What steps (if any) are being taken to offer permanent employment to casuals employed for twelve months or more?

Response from Director Corporate Services:

To be distributed in a supplementary business paper.

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

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