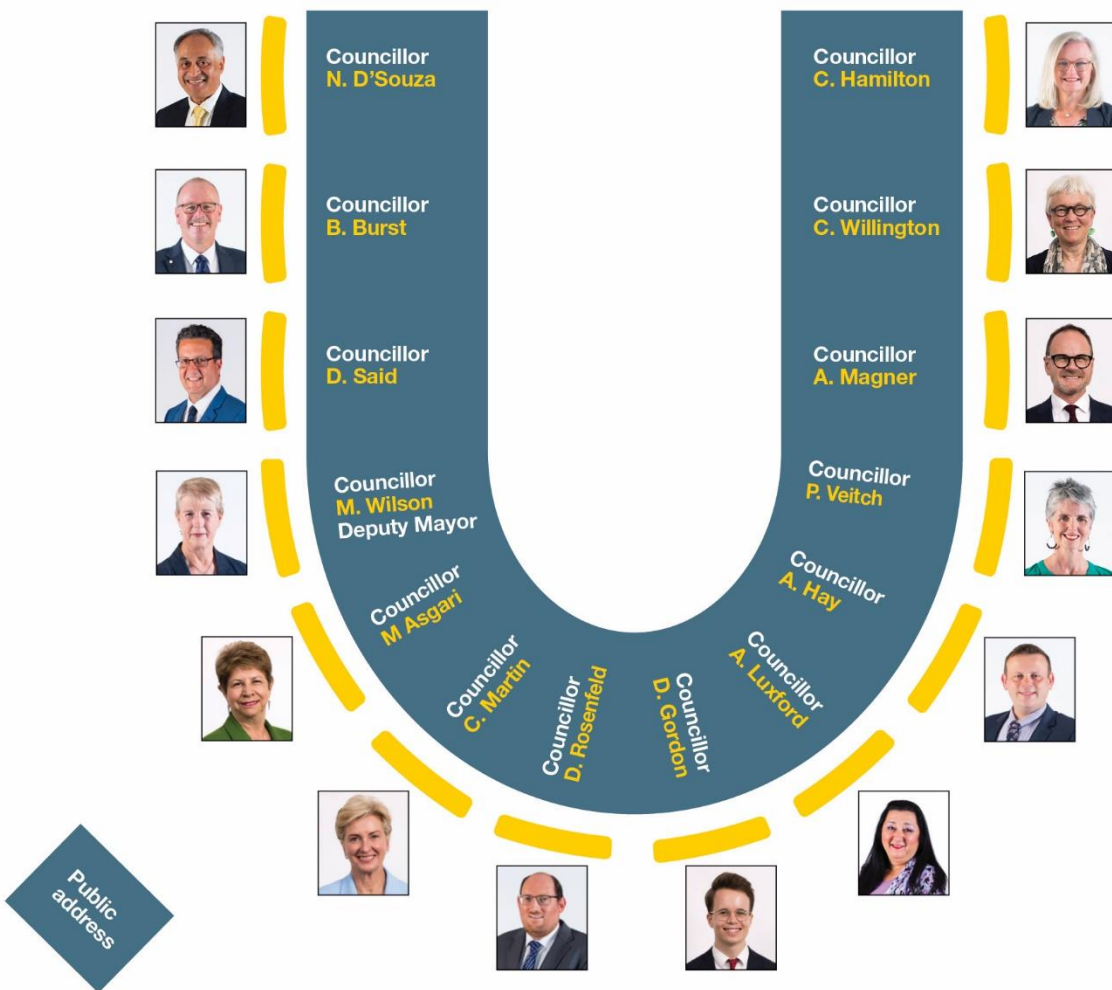


Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 10 December 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none">at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, orat 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.
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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”*

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GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM52/24

Subject: Financial Assistance and Donations November to December 2024

Motion:

That Council:

- a) Council contribute \$6570.40 towards the St Andrew's Catholic Church Annual Pere Receveur Mass being held at La Perouse on 16 February 2025;
- b) Council apply a rate of \$83.00 per month for the next 24 months to Coogee Probus Club to use two rooms for two hours at the Randwick City Library within the Randwick Shopping Village.
- c) Council waive the hire fees of \$965 for the Heffron Park Synthetic Field for a one-day social all-gender charity 6-a-side competition 'Coogee Unites For a Cause' for members and the wider Eastern Suburbs football community organized by Coogee United Football Club.

Background:

- a) **St Andrew's Catholic Church – Pere Receveur Annual Mass**

The Annual Pere Receveur Mass is being held at La Perouse on 16 February 2025.

The 'Pere Receveur Mass', hosted by the Catholic Parish of St Andrew, is held every year at La Perouse Museum and has been supported in some way or another by Council for 20+ years. It has been funded by the Mayor's Contingency Fund for the last few years.

The applicant is requesting \$6570.40 to cover event costs for the sound system, and chair hire.

- b) **Coogee Probus Club**

The club has been serving the local community for over five years, with membership now exceeding 60 retirees. Probus Club plays an essential role in fostering social connections and combating isolation among retirees providing opportunities for social engagement through monthly meetings, trips, and other activities, offering an opportunity for friendship, intellectual stimulation, and personal growth.

The Randwick City Library within the Randwick Village is ideal for their needs, and we deeply appreciate the helpfulness of the library staff. Due to the growth of the club, they require the use of two rooms.

Initially, they were charged \$83 per month (\$41.50 per hour for two hours for two rooms). However, they have recently been informed that this rate will now be \$166 per month for the two rooms.

As a not-for-profit organization with very limited funds the Coogee Probus Club has requested assistance in reviewing this matter.

- c) **Coogee United Football Club**

Coogee United Football Club is a community grassroots football club in the Eastern Suburbs run solely by volunteers. On 12 January 2025, they are organising a one-day social all-gender charity 6-a-side competition 'Coogee Unites For a Cause' for their members and the wider Eastern Suburbs football community, which will be hosted at Heffron Park Synthetic Field. This will be the third year they are running the event.

The purpose of the day is twofold:

- Raise much needed funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Australia for both support services for those living with IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease), and to fund much needed research on medical advancements for this condition.
- Increase awareness within our community of IBD, which is often an illness that is overlooked or not talked about, which yet impacts over 100,000 Australians, of all ages and genders, including within the football community. 80% of people who have an inflammatory bowel disease will need surgery at some point in their life.

The club is requesting to waive the hire fees of \$965.00 for the Heffron Park Synthetic Field.

Source of funding:

The financial implications to Council will be \$9527.40 funded from the 2024-25 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: **The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker**

File Reference: F2024/06574

Mayoral Minute No. MM53/24

Subject: WNOW - Touch Football Competition - March 2025 - Waiving of fees

Motion:

That the fees of \$960 for the Touch Football competition planned in March 2025 by WNOW (When No One's Watching) be waived.

Background:

WNOW is a not-for-profit organisation helping men feel comfortable in their own skin by becoming better people, better fathers, partners, sons, brothers, and mates.

WNOW seeks to create a community where men explore in a fun way what it means to be a better man by tackling challenges together and focusing on improving their mental, physical, and emotional health to be the best role model they can be for themselves and all those around them.

WNOW utilise sand space on Maroubra Beach one morning a week to train as a community. Maroubra was the original chapter founded in April 2020 and now has over 300 members.

WNOW is planning a touch football competition on Sunday 2 March 2025. The fees for this event are:

Application Fee:	\$219.00
Beach Hire Fee: (full day)	\$741.00
Total:	\$960.00

WNOW have requested that the fees be waived.

Source of funding:

The financial implications to Council will be \$960 funded from the 2024-25 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

File Reference: F2024/00096

Mayoral Minute No. MM54/24

Subject: Ongoing Support for the Rainbow Club of Australia - Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean Swim

Motion:

That:

- a) Council waive all associated fees for the Rainbow Club Australia Inc's annual ocean swim for five (5) years from 2026-2030;
- b) The organiser of the event appropriately and prominently acknowledges and promotes Council's contribution to the swim and;
- c) The Mayor (or representative) be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Background:

The Rainbow Club of Australia holds an annual swimming event each year in February at Malabar Beach for Rainbow club participants and supporters. The Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean Swim is an inclusive event for swimmers of all abilities, who have the option of completing a fun splash, 250m, 1km or 2.5km swim as part of the day.

Council has had a special relationship with the Rainbow Club since the inception of the Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean Swim. Since 2009 this swim has successfully established itself as one of the premier ocean swims on the Australian calendar with over 1,000 swimmers participating and the numbers growing each year.

The naming of the event as the Murray Rose Malabar Magic Ocean Swim was to reflect the great work Murray undertook as an ambassador for swimming and his life-long affinity with the beaches of the eastern suburbs of Sydney. All funds raised from this annual event go to Rainbow Club Australia.

Council has previously resolved to waive all associated fees for the Rainbow Club Australia annual ocean swim for five (5) years from 2010-2015, 2016-2020 and again from 2021-2025. The Rainbow Club of Australia has written to Council seeking to extend the agreement for a further five (5) years from 2026-2030.

Associated fees include:

Beach hire and facilities cleaning
Lifeguards and equipment for the duration of the event
Waste removal (approximately 10 bins)

The total fees waived in previous years has totaled approximately \$17,000 per year plus CPI for the period up until 2030.

Source of funding:

The financial implication to Council is \$17,000 and will be funded from the Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Todd Clarke, Director City Services
File Reference: F2024/06574

MM54/24

Mayoral Minute No. MM55/24

Subject: Spot On

Motion:

That Council consider future iterations of 'Spot On' activations in the budget for 25/26, including various options for Town Centres, and that Council Officers prepare a report back with further detail.

Background:

From August to October 2025 Council held 'Spot On', a weekly road closure which hosted alfresco dining, live music and entertainment at The Spot.

Funded in part through the State Government's Open Streets Program, Spot On was designed as a pilot program to help bring the community together and boost local business, opening up the streets and turning The Spot, on.

From the outset, the idea and delivery were driven by and co-delivered by the local business community. Eleven restaurants in and adjacent to the zone, participated in the program with the majority expanding their footway dining onto the road, and boosting trade and visibility through the normally quieter winter months. Those adjacent in Perouse Road, also benefited from the increased visitation to the area.

Alongside a celebration of The Spot restaurant offerings, over 45 local musicians and performers were engaged to create a lively and culturally vibrant atmosphere for the duration. An estimated 30,395 guests attended in total, including delegations from other Councils, and from different State Government departments.

Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. 240 feedback forms were completed; most visitors were local and walked or took public transport to Spot On, many of whom brought their young families and became weekly regulars securing a table before the crowds swelled. Comments including the appreciation for the village party atmosphere, the sense of community, supporting local business, bringing nightlife to Randwick, dining opportunities and the lack of cars. Many asked that Council make it permanent, and for some that the area zoned for Spot On, could be closed permanently.

Whilst final data from the participating businesses is still to be collated, all operators reported marked increase in trade.

Council staff across several teams worked collectively to make Spot On such a success; including waste and cleansing, traffic management, risk and safety, events, arts and culture, integrated transports and the economic development team.

There is an opportunity for Council to consider this activation, either in its current form or an iteration, in future years.

Source of funding:

To be considered as part of the 2025-2026 budget process and to seek grant opportunities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker
File Reference: F2024/06574

Director City Planning Report No. CP54/24

Subject: Supporting UNSW Net Zero Apartment Retrofit Project

Executive Summary

- This report responds to the resolution of Council (Cr Veitch MM40/24) at the 27 August 2024 its Ordinary Council meeting that requested a report on how Council could “support the UNSW net zero apartment retrofit project”.
- Council’s Environment Strategy includes a target to achieve a 60% reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and with over half of Randwick’s housing zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, apartment net zero retrofits have been prioritised.
- In consultation with UNSW researchers, staff have identified an opportunity to support the net zero apartment retrofit project, formally called “*Identifying and Realising Retrofit Opportunities for Apartment Buildings*”, by becoming a project partner.
- Council becoming a project partner would support a Randwick apartment complex implement net zero retrofits and inform the development of a case study which will be locally relevant to a common Randwick apartment typology.
- The case study will report on the retrofit implementation for that apartment typology and policy pathways that directly address obstacles to implementation, benefiting Randwick and other stakeholders. This will inform future Development Control Plan controls and engagement programs for Randwick strata buildings, for example through a net zero retrofit guide for apartments.
- Entering into the partnership and funding the locally relevant case study will require a \$40,000 contribution which can be funded from the Environment Levy within the 2025-26 budget. This investment will directly support the project by contributing to the co-funding required to implement the project.
- Collaborating with UNSW strengthens Council’s commitment to climate goals and supports practical approaches to implementing net zero apartment retrofits.
- This report recommends to Council to enter the partnership with UNSW.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) support participation as a project partner in the *RACE for 2030* and *UNSW Cooperative Research Centre’s “Identifying and Realising Retrofit Opportunities for Apartment Buildings”* project; and
- b) approve the allocation of \$40,000 from the Environment Levy in the 2025-26 budget to support the development of a case study relevant to a common Randwick apartment typology.

Attachment/s:

1.  Project Factsheet - UNSW Net Zero Apartment Retrofit Opportunities

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on the 27 August 2024, Council resolved (MM40/24):

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr P Veitch) that Council:

- a) *acknowledges the remarkable innovations being developed by the UNSW School of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering; and*
- b) *requests a report on how Council could collaborate with the UNSW to incorporate cutting edge renewable technology design into future Council projects and/or support the UNSW net zero apartment retrofits project.*

This report is responding to the second part of item b) of the resolution, being how Council could support the UNSW net zero apartment retrofits project. The remainder of item b) relating to renewable technology design is still under investigation and will be the subject of a future report.

Discussion

In the move to net zero in Australia, apartments present unique difficulties when it comes to retrofitting, especially those owned under strata title, meaning that they have ended up in the “too hard” basket when it comes to both policy and practice.

To address this issue *RACE for 2030* and *UNSW Cooperative Research Centre* are implementing a \$1.6 million net zero apartments project, formally called *"Identifying and Realising Retrofit Opportunities for Apartment Buildings"*. The project seeks to bring together experts in apartment building governance and renewable energy to provide resources to help apartment owners make a case for retrofits and evidence to support regulatory reform and behaviour change.

The program for the project includes:

- Dedicated website hosted by UNSW.
- Factsheets and detailed reports on potential retrofits for different apartment building typologies.
- Report on regulation across selected states.
- Individual case study reports demonstrating what was achieved and how obstacles were overcome.
- Report on policy pathways identified to overcome obstacles.

The expected outcomes are:

- Increased uptake of retrofits in apartment buildings with associated reductions in carbon emissions.
- Improved fairness for energy customers in apartments.
- Insights to inform government investment and policy decisions
- Informing future Development Control Plan (DCP) controls and engagement programs for Randwick strata buildings, for example through a net zero retrofit guide for apartments.

For more information refer to the project factsheet attached to this report.

In response to the Council resolution of 27 August 2024 staff met with UNSW researchers to discuss how Council could support this project and identified an opportunity to become a project partner. The project team are seeking partners to fund approximately four case studies to compliment the theoretical research and directly support the project by contributing to the co-funding required to implement the project. The City of Melbourne have confirmed they will be joining the project as a partner and funding a case study.

As a project partner Council would support the development of a Randwick local apartment case study which would ensure a relevant apartment block typology was included in the project. An apartment block in Randwick would be identified to receive support from governance and renewable energy experts within the project team who will assist them implement retrofits at their complex. This will include navigating strata approvals and measuring and monitoring the impact.

The findings from the process will inform the development of a comprehensive report on locally relevant retrofit implementation, including case studies, and policy pathways that will also benefit broader stakeholders. This information will be considered in the development of future DCP controls and engagement programs for Randwick strata buildings, for example through a net zero retrofit guide for apartments.

Randwick’s participation in this project is highly relevant, as:

- Over half of Randwick’s housing is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, which is significantly made up of apartments.
- Achieving our community greenhouse gas emission target to reduce emissions by 60% by 2030 and ensuring equity will require solutions tailored for apartment retrofits.
- Apartment retrofits are complex, and therefore collaborating with a large research partner on a national project allows Randwick to leverage the expertise and resources attached to this project.
- Randwick’s Environment Strategy includes partnering with UNSW to strengthen education and research collaborations (Strategic Approach 3.3).

The selection of a Randwick apartment typology for the case study will be guided by several factors, including input from the project team, Randwick Council staff, and agreement from the building’s strata. Following recent consultation with the Strategic Planning Team, a potential apartment typology for the case study could be three-story brick walk-up apartments built in the 1960s and 1970s. These buildings are well-suited as they:

- Represent a common apartment typology within the LGA, especially in the suburbs of Randwick, Coogee, and Maroubra.
- Provide a relatively affordable housing option, which can be enhanced rather than replaced with less affordable, higher-density developments.
- Have a structure and layout more conducive to straightforward retrofits.
- Are smaller, with fewer owners, making it easier to secure owner approvals.

Council will seek to identify the apartment complex to participate in the project and be the subject of the case study through an Expression of Interest process.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our Community Strategic Plan and 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Environment
Outcome	A community more knowledgeable, proactive and responsive to climate change impacts
Objective	Achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (CO2-equivalent) across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, while acknowledging the significance and importance of aspiring to a 100% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the same timeframe
Delivery program commitment	Implement by 2021, residential and business participation in energy saving or similar programs (Australian Energy Foundation, Council rebates or GreenPower) to achieve direct and indirect greenhouse emission reductions across those participating by 20% by 2025 from a 2020 baseline.

Risks

Area	Risk	Mitigation
Financial	The \$40,000 investment may not yield sufficient actionable insights or	Develop clear project deliverables and regular check-ins with UNSW to monitor

Area	Risk	Mitigation
	outcomes specific to Randwick's needs.	progress and ensure alignment with Randwick's objectives.
Technical Feasibility	The proposed retrofit solutions may not be feasible or cost-effective for widespread adoption in Randwick's common apartment typologies.	Select an apartment building that accurately represents a broader segment of Randwick's housing stock and ensure that proposed solutions are practical and replicable. Consult with internal technical experts during the planning phase to assess feasibility.
Stakeholder Engagement and Buy-In	Lack of engagement from strata owners and residents may result in not being able to select a suitable apartment block and/or limited cooperation, making it challenging to complete the case study.	Allow sufficient time in the project to engage strata representatives and residents early in the process to communicate the benefits and obtain buy-in. Regular updates and opportunities for feedback will also help maintain stakeholder support.
Policy and Regulatory Challenges	Regulatory barriers may hinder the implementation of certain retrofit recommendations, limiting the project's effectiveness.	Ensure the reports include detailed regulatory analysis to identify specific policy or regulatory changes needed to support retrofits enabling future retrofits to benefit from this case study.
Unrealised Long-Term Outcomes	The project may not achieve its anticipated long-term outcomes, such as significant emissions reductions or behavior change.	The project includes measuring and monitoring by research experts from UNSW to ensure both the direct and potential future impacts are quantified.
Reputational Risk	If the project does not deliver meaningful results, it could reflect poorly on Randwick Council and reduce confidence in future sustainability initiatives.	UNSW is a high visibility and well-established research institution, therefore reducing the potential for results not being achieved. Further Council will be part of the project working group to receive regular updates and provide input to the project.

Resourcing Strategy implications

For Council to join as a project partner and funding a case study in Randwick requires funding of \$40,000. This can be funded from the Environment Levy and included in the 2025/26 budget. Councils' contribution will directly support the project by contributing to the co-funding required to implement the project. The reserves have sufficient funds to support this project.

To ensure objectives are met, a staff member from the Sustainability and Resilience Team will need to participate in the project working group, including supporting stakeholder engagement to identify a suitable apartment, and regular communication with UNSW. The Sustainability and Resilience Team have sufficient staff resources to support this participation.

Policy and legislative requirements

The following policy and legislative requirements are relevant to Randwick Council's participation in the *RACE for 2030 and UNSW Cooperative Research Centre* project:

- **Climate Change Act 2022** - Australia's commitment to achieving net zero by 2050.
- **Building Code of Australia (BCA)** - Technical design and construction provisions for buildings.
- **State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022** - Encourages the design and construction of more sustainable buildings across NSW.

- **Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 (NSW)** - Defines the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved in strata schemes.

Conclusion

Council has the opportunity to support the *RACE for 2030 and UNSW Cooperative Research Centre* project "*Identifying and Realising Retrofit Opportunities for Apartment Buildings*" by becoming a project partner. This collaboration would support a local apartment block to implement net zero retrofits and ensure an apartment typology relevant to the Randwick community is included as a case study in the project. The multiple benefits include:

- A Randwick apartment block will be supported by industry experts to implement net zero retrofits.
- A detailed, transferable methodology will be developed for retrofitting a common apartment typology in Randwick.
- Identification of policy and financial pathways to reduce retrofit obstacles for other apartment blocks in the LGA.
- Alignment with Randwick's Environment Strategy and greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.
- Informing future DCP controls and engagement programs for Randwick strata buildings, for example through a net zero retrofit guide for apartments.

A \$40,000 investment and staff time is required for Randwick Council to capitalise on this opportunity. The budget can be sourced from the 2025/26 Environment Levy and staff from currently available resources within the Sustainability and Resilience Team. It is recommended that Council approve the proposed partnership and allocation of funding.

Responsible officer: Julian Lee, Sustainability Education Officer

File Reference: F2017/00493

Apartment Typologies



Provided by Government Architects NSW, 2023

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Typologies of apartments – ages, materials, form 2. Typology modelling of energy use and costs 3. Retrofit case study sites – building performance & governance 	<p>7-8 typologies 7-8 models 3-4 apartment buildings undergoing retrofits</p>	<p>\$1.6m research project</p>
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RACE for 2030 and UNSW Cooperative Research Project

Identifying and realising retrofit opportunities for apartment buildings

In the move to Net Zero in Australia, apartments have been largely left behind. The unique difficulties of retrofitting apartments, especially those owned under strata title, mean that they have ended up in the ‘too hard’ basket when it comes to both policy and practice.

This project brings together experts in apartment building governance with experts in renewable energy to provide resources to help property owners make a case for retrofits and evidence to support regulatory reform and behavior change.

WP1 Identifying retrofits opportunities and regulatory barriers (year 1) will develop a typology of apartment buildings considering form, materials and age, and identify cost and feasible retrofit strategies for each type. It will also include a review of regulation across (2-4) states, with associated recommendations.

WP2 Modelling retrofit opportunities (year 2) will model the running costs, payback periods, impacts on electricity use and peak and off-peak demand for each of building type identified in WP1.

WP3 Realising retrofit opportunities (years 1-3) will engage with buildings undertaking retrofits to understand and document the process, and track changes to thermal comfort and electricity usage throughout.

Outputs and Deliverables

YEAR 1

- Dedicated project website (UNSW hosted)
- Factsheets with graphics, on potential retrofits in each building type from WP1
- Report on regulation across selected states

YEAR 2

- Detailed report on each building model's potential retrofit achievements

YEAR 3

- Individual case study reports demonstrating what was achieved and how obstacles were overcome
- Report on policy pathways to overcoming obstacles identified in WP1 and WP3

Expected Outcomes

- Increased uptake of retrofits in apartment buildings with associated reductions in carbon emissions
- Improved fairness for energy customers in apartments
- Insights to inform government investment and policy decisions

<p>Project development: Industry partner workshop: Contact: Researchers:</p>	<p>October 2023 – present March 2024 hazel.easthope@unsw.edu.au Prof Hazel Easthope, A/Prof Anna Bruce Dr Edgar Liu, Dr Mike Roberts</p>
<p>Potential partners:</p>	<p>Local, state, federal government Financiers. Industry associations Architects and designers Property Managers, Builders Product manufacturers & installers</p>

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Director City Planning Report No. CP55/24

Subject: Homes NSW - Redevelopment of 195-213 Fitzgerald Ave and 40-64 Yorktown Pde, Maroubra (SSD 71454960)

Executive Summary

- This report provides an overview of a State Significant Development 71454960 Application (SSDA) for an affordable / social housing redevelopment on an existing Homes NSW land holding (formerly Land and Housing Corporation) at 195-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra. This SSDA was exhibited until 9 December 2024.
- The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) is the consent authority, as the application is for more than 75 dwellings and the applicant is Homes NSW (formerly Land and Housing Corporation).
- The SSDA seeks consent for the demolition of nine existing buildings (33 dwellings), bulk earthworks and tree removal, and the replacement with 144 social and affordable dwellings along with associated car parking, landscaping and public domain works contained within six residential flat buildings of 3-4 storeys.
- Given the timing of the Council meeting, an interim submission has been provided to DPHI noting that a Council endorsed submission will be provided following the December Council meeting.
- Council's interim submission to DPHI on the SSD reiterates support of Homes NSW's efforts to increase the supply of social and affordable dwellings within our Local Government Area (LGA). With regards to the specific development, it is broadly supportive, however raises several considerations and recommendations relating to improved design variation, improved pedestrian access and calling for affordable housing component to be delivered in perpetuity.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the attached submission on the Homes NSW Proposal (SSD-71454960) for 195-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra and forward it to DPHI for consideration in the assessment of the application.

Attachment/s:

1.  RCC Interim submission to SSD 71454960 - Homes NSW Fitzgerald Ave Maroubra

Purpose

This report provides an overview of a new State Significant Development (SSD) proposal for an affordable / social housing redevelopment on an existing Homes NSW land holding at 95-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra together with a summary of Council's interim submission.

This application is a State Significant Development (SSD) with the Minister (DPHI as delegate) as the consent authority as under Schedule 1, Clause 26 of the *Planning Systems State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)*. Development carried out by or on behalf of the Land and Housing Corporation (Homes NSW) is considered to be SSD if it has an estimated development cost of more than \$30 million or would result in more than 75 dwellings.

As the closing date for public exhibition did not align with Council's reporting timeframes, an interim submission was provided to the Department on 9 December 2024. This report seeks Council's endorsement of the interim submission.

Discussion

Description of site

The site is located at 195-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra occupying a total area of approximately 9,647 square metres (Figure 1). It is currently developed with nine existing buildings that are occupied by Homes NSW tenants. There are street trees located along the Fitzgerald Avenue frontage and a series of trees within the site between the buildings and along both street frontages. To the south of the site is Coral Sea Park.



Figure 1 – Context Plan, sourced from Urban Design Report prepared by SJB

Existing planning controls

The Site is zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, under the Randwick LEP 2012 with a maximum height of building of 9.5m and a Floor Space Ratio of 0.75:1. Residential flat buildings are permitted with consent in the R3 Zone.

In accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP)¹, given the project comprises 100% social and affordable and is residential development carried out by or on behalf of Land and Housing Corporation, it can utilise an additional 30% height and 0.5:1 floor space ratio (FSR). This makes the permissible building height up to 12.35m and FSR up to 1.25:1.

Further, the non-discretionary car parking rates contained within the Housing SEPP require the provision of 70 resident car parking spaces while there are no requirements for visitor parking. Moreover, as per clause 2.10 of the Planning Systems SEPP, the proposal is not required to comply with DCP provisions.

Approvals sought

SSD-71454960 seeks approval for construction of an affordable/social housing development comprising:

- *The demolition of nine existing buildings (33 dwellings), bulk earthworks and tree removal*
- *Construction of four, three storey and two part three / four storey residential flat buildings with 144 social and affordable dwellings; and*
- *77 car parking spaces, landscaping and public domain works*

It should be noted that the proposal does not seek to rezone the land nor amend the applicable planning controls that currently apply to the site. As outlined above in this report, the proposal seeks to utilise height and density bonuses available under the Housing SEPP and seek a variation to the maximum height of building.

The redevelopment is proposed to include a total of 144 new dwellings comprising 50 social dwellings and 94 affordable dwellings available to households on very low to moderate incomes. There will be a net increase of 111 dwellings on the site, including a net increase of 17 social dwellings (from an existing provision of 33 dwellings). A breakdown of bedroom and tenancy type is provided in Table A below.

Dwellings	Existing		Proposed	
	Affordable	Social	Affordable	Social
Type				
1 bedroom	-	-	40	24
2 bedroom	-	-	51	22
3 bedroom	-	33	3	4
Sub-Total	-	33	94	50
Total		33		144

Table A – Comparison between existing and proposed dwelling count and bedrooms

¹ Section 17 and 18 of Chapter 2, Part 2, Division 1 of the Housing SEPP

Key areas of the SSD proposal

A summary of key components of the SSDA is provided below:

- Built form – The proposal includes a total of six residential flat buildings, with four fronting Fitzgerald Avenue (2 x three storey and 2 x four storey) and two (2 x three storey) fronting Yorktown Parade. It is noted that the design process for the SSD included consultation with the NSW Government Architect at two design review meetings and included modifications relating to the provision of the through-site link, improved communal space design and programming and the length of buildings along Fitzgerald Avenue to address the Government Architect's comments and findings.
- Vegetation and landscaping – The proposal achieves approximately 40% landscaping area and 7% deep soil area. All street trees along both Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade frontages are to be retained. A total of 119 (82.6%) trees will require removal to accommodate the works, however 112 (77.7%) of these trees are a combination of exempt weeds or have been assigned Low or Very Low/Remove Retention Values. Only 3 (2%) of those sought for removal have been assigned a High Retention Value. The Landscape Plans show that 131 new/replacement trees and palms will be provided, which are exclusively native/endemic.
- Communal facilities – The proposal includes a shared landscaped courtyard with communal facilities running parallel to the street frontages between the buildings. The facilities include a children's play area/rock garden, communal herb gardens, a palm grove, seating/benches, lighting, table tennis and BBQ facilities.
- Ownership structure – The proposed social housing dwellings are to be retained under ownership of Homes NSW (LAHC) in perpetuity with a corresponding management lease awarded to the Community Housing Provider (CHP) for 49 years. For the affordable dwelling component, it is understood that the ownership of these properties will be transferred to a Community Housing Provider with the requirement that they be retained as affordable housing dwellings for 25 years.
- Sustainability measures – The proposal includes PV Panels, double glazing to facades, heat pump hot water and no natural gas connections. It is noted that the proposal will achieve compliance with National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 for communal areas and BASIX for residential dwellings.
- Car parking – Car parking is located within a basement that is accessed from a single consolidated access cross over from Fitzgerald Avenue. The proposal includes the provision of 70 resident spaces and 7 visitor spaces.



Figure 2 – View from Yorktown Parade

Compliance with key controls

	Control	Proposed
Land use	RLEP R3 Zone = Residential Flat Building – permissible	Residential Flat Building
Height of Building	RLEP = 9.5m Housing SEPP = 2.85m (30% bonus) Maximum building height = 12.35m	Variation sought for two locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.85m in two areas on northern boundary • 13.8m for lift overrun and parapet in south western corner. See height plane extract below.
Floor Space Ratio	RLEP = 0.75 Housing SEPP = 0.5:1 (bonus) Maximum FSR = 1.25:1	1.23:1
Car parking	Resident – Housing SEPP = 70 spaces for number of dwellings Visitor – Housing SEPP = no requirement	Resident car parking spaces = 70 Visitor car parking spaces = 7

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Table B – Comparison between current / bonus controls and proposed

As outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the accompanying Clause 4.6 variation, the proposal exceeds the maximum building height control of 12.35m (afforded under the Housing SEPP bonuses) in two distinct areas. With regards to the centrally located fourth storey on Buildings 1B and 1C fronting Fitzgerald Avenue, this exceedance reaches 15.85m. With regards to the height exceedances of up to 13.8m, these relate to the lift overruns and parapets on Buildings 2C and 2D fronting Yorktown Parade. These are shown in Figure 3 below.

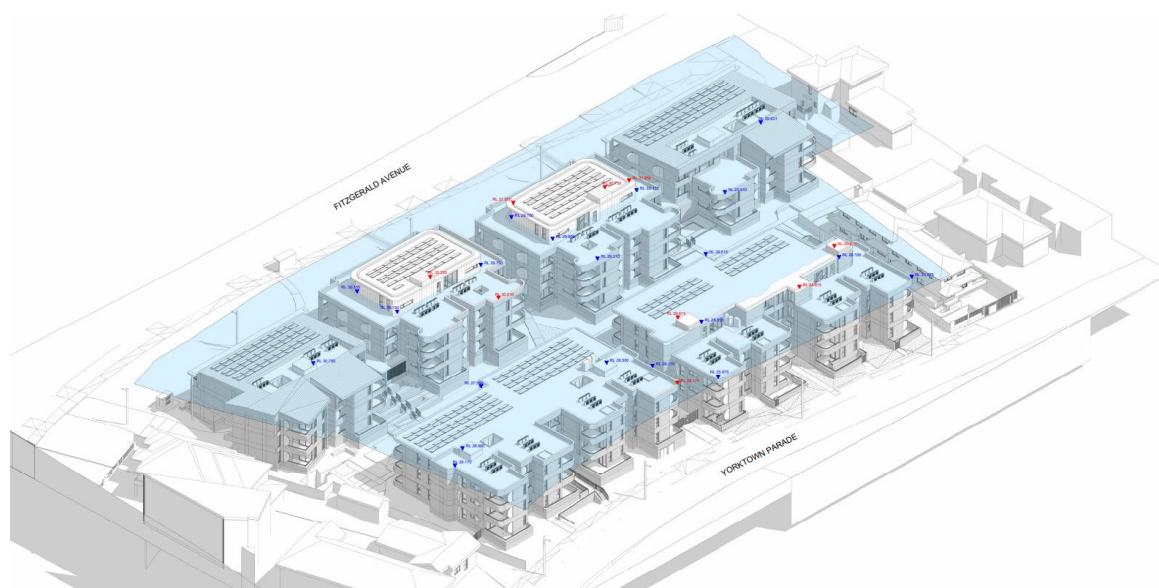


Figure 3 – showing the proposed built form with a 12.35m height plane in blue²

² Sourced from Architectural Package, prepared by SJB, Revision 3 October 2024



Figure 4 – View from Fitzgerald Avenue – no existing trees



Figure 5 – View from Fitzgerald Avenue – transparent existing trees



Figure 6 – View from Fitzgerald Avenue – with existing trees³

³ Figures 3-6 sourced from View Analysis, prepared by SJB, Revision 4 October 2024

Summary of submission

The SSD was exhibited from 12 November to 9 December 2024. Given Council's report schedule, an interim submission was issued to the Minister (Department of Planning Housing and Industry) prior to the Council meeting.

At a high-level, Council's interim submission on the SSD reiterates support of Homes NSW's efforts to redevelop aging assets which don't meet social housing tenant needs and to increase the supply of social and affordable dwellings within our Local Government Area (LGA). With regards to the specific development, the submission is generally supportive of the renewal, including highlighting the extensive consultation Homes NSW has undertaken to date.

The submission raises several commendations, considerations, and recommendations from internal consultation between Council's Strategic Planning, Community Development, Integrated Transport and Development Assessment and Engineering teams, including:

- Building height non-compliance – The non-complying height is considered acceptable as it has been centralized on the site, noting that is broadly screened by existing vegetation when viewed from most public areas and is a result of efforts to reduce off-site overshadowing impacts while maintaining on-site amenity.
- Streetscape presentation – There is a need to consider greater design variation to Fitzgerald Avenue through different materiality, setbacks or articulation or a combination of all three.
- Built form and side setbacks – There has been appropriate consideration of adjoining properties and the positioning of built form through the various design iterations, however further refinement of south-west portion of the streetscape should be considered.
- Pedestrian access and infrastructure – Given the long street block distance, there is a need to consider delivering public pedestrian access through the site between Yorktown Parade and Fitzgerald Avenue. Further, given the increased density and pedestrian movement, consideration should be given to providing new infrastructure to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Fitzgerald Avenue.
- Landscape and tree management – Support for high level of street tree retention on both Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade, along with deep soil and landscaping areas proposed. Consolidating the multiple vehicle crossings into one common point of access from Fitzgerald Avenue is seen as a major advantage as this would directly increase the space available for existing trees to reach maturity and provide opportunities for future street tree planting.
- Ownership of Affordable Housing – Recommendation for the affordable housing component to be provided in perpetuity to provide ongoing community benefit, retention of government land and security of tenure for occupants.
- Bedroom mix - It recommended that the number of affordable three bedroom dwellings in the proposal be increased, given family households groups have the highest need for affordable housing as outlined by Randwick's Community Profile (Housing Monitor).
- Cohesive design – Commendation that the proposal incorporates several safety-by-design elements and blends in with surrounding private market homes.
- Tenant selection - While outside the scope of the SSD approval, it is submitted that an agreement be considered between Homes NSW and the managing CHP to reserve a portion of the social and/or affordable portfolio specifically for Domestic and Family Violence survivors, being an area of high priority for Council.

The interim submission can be found at **Attachment A**.

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 diverse and affordable housing that responds to local needs
Objective	Increase the percentage of all households that are either social or dedicated affordable housing to a minimum of 10% by 2040
Delivery program commitment	Work with the Land and Housing Corporation to develop a staged approach for the renewal of social housing estates, and ensure that the number of social housing dwellings is increased in any future redevelopment of public housing estates in Randwick City.

Risks

The following four key risks have been identified:

Area	Risk	Mitigation
Scale of development	While the proposal increases the overall density on the site, the proposal has been designed to be generally compliant with existing development standards. Comments contained within the Engagement Report prepared by Homes NSW have highlighted that the proposed height and scale of development has raised some concern for local residents.	<p>The interim submission is generally supportive of the proposed development, noting the renewal of state housing assets, improved landscaping, new communal facilities and an increase in affordable and social dwellings.</p> <p>By retaining existing vegetation within the road reserve and providing for new planting within setbacks. It is therefore considered that the overall net benefit of the project in delivering increases in social and affordable housing within the Randwick LGA is positive.</p>
Loss of social bedrooms	The number of social dwelling bedrooms contained in the proposal is 80, with the current provision at 99. An overall reduction in the total number of social bedrooms is of concern and contrasts with the overall message of increasing social housing provision.	To address these concerns Homes NSW has presented information to Randwick Council officers and Councillors that the strongest demand for social housing in the Eastern Suburbs Allocation Zone is for dwellings up to 2 bedrooms. As stated above, it recommended that the number of affordable three bedroom dwellings in the proposal be increased, given family households groups have the highest need for affordable housing as outlined by Randwick's Community Profile (Housing Monitor).

Area	Risk	Mitigation
<p>Time limited funding for affordable housing component</p>	<p>Potential loss of affordable housing from RCC after 25 years</p>	<p>For the affordable dwelling component, it is understood that ownership of these properties will be transferred to a Community Housing Provider (CHP) with the requirement that they be retained as affordable housing dwellings for 25 years. This timeframe is linked to a period of Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) funding. After the 25 year period, once the HAFF funding finishes, the CHP can determine the ongoing use of the dwellings as affordable housing.</p>
<p>Relocation of tenants</p>	<p>Key issue raised by current tenants is concern about the relocation process and timings for existing residents</p>	<p>It is understood that tenants will be given at least 6 months' notice before needing to move, however they can choose to move as soon as a suitable home is found. Tenants can choose to relocate to another property in their local area or another part of NSW, with Homes NSW paying for all reasonable relocation costs.</p>

Resourcing Strategy implications

The submission was prepared in-house with staff time funded out of the respective team budgets.

Policy and legislative requirements

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
 Planning Systems State Environmental Planning Policy 2021 (Planning Systems SEPP)
 Housing State Environmental Planning Policy 2023 (Housing SEPP)
 Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Conclusion

A State Significant Development (SSD) application has been lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and comprises demolition of nine existing buildings (33 dwellings), bulk earthworks and tree removal, and the replacement with 144 social and affordable dwelling along with associated car parking and landscaping.

The attached interim submission is generally supportive of the proposed development, noting the renewal of state housing assets, improved landscaping, new communal facilities and aligns with Council’s Community Strategic plan to achieve a net increase in affordable and social dwellings within the LGA.

It is recommended that Council endorse the attached interim submission, including the recommended amendments to the proposal as outlined in this report, and that it be forwarded to DPHI for their consideration.

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Submission via NSW Government Planning Portal

Dear Ms Fishburn,

RE: SSD 71454960 - Redevelopment at 195-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra by Homes NSW

Randwick City Council submits this interim response to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure regarding the lodged State Significant Development application for the redevelopment at 195-213 Fitzgerald Avenue and 40-64 Yorktown Parade, Maroubra by Homes NSW.

Randwick City Council is supportive of Homes NSW's efforts to increase the supply of social and affordable dwellings within our Local Government Area (LGA). We acknowledge the extensive engagement undertaken by the Homes NSW team with Council officers, Randwick Councillors and the community prior to the lodgement of this SSD. We also acknowledge the role of the public sector in meeting the National Housing Accord and the associated focus by the State government of New South Wales on increasing the supply of social and affordable dwellings.

Council Officers have reviewed the application documentation and provide the following, structured around key themes, in response. **Please note this interim submission will be reported to Council's Ordinary Meeting of 10 December 2024, with a Council endorsed submission to be provided shortly thereafter.**

Building height, setbacks and materiality

Broadly, the design of the proposal should be commended, with a considered site layout, including a substantial central shared open space along with a three-storey streetscape presentation to both Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade. The general architectural detailing and evolution of the design highlights that feedback provided by Council officers has been taken into consideration and reduced impacts relating to overshadowing and visual bulk have been achieved. Further commentary is provided below.

Building height non-compliance

As outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the accompanying Clause 4.6 variation, the proposed building height exceeds the maximum height of building control of

12.35m afforded under the Housing SEPP bonuses in two distinct areas¹. With regards to the centrally located fourth storey on Buildings 1B and 1C, this exceedance reaches 15.85m. The location of this height exceedance is in response to repositioning built form bulk away from 66 Yorktown Parade to reduce overshadowing of earlier schemes, while maintaining setbacks and separation in other areas of the development. While Council will always seek compliance with principal development objectives, such issues arise from density and height bonuses that assume a linear relationship between increases in floorspace and height of building. As the additional height has been centralised, is broadly screened by existing vegetation when viewed from most public areas and has been designed to reduce off-site overshadowing impacts while maintaining on-site amenity, no objection is raised.

With regards to the height exceedances of up to 13.8m relating to lift overruns and parapets on Buildings 2C and 2D, it is understood these are associated with addressing flooding requirements. Given this exceedance is minor and are substantially offset from site boundaries, no objection is raised.

Side Setbacks

The proposal's side setbacks are generally consistent with those required in the Apartment Design Guidelines, however it is noted that a reduced setback between the development and 38 Yorktown Parade is proposed. Given the combination of the reduced setback and sloping nature of the site, the south west portion of the streetscape becomes a prominent element. While it is understood that flooding and a desire to maintain consistent floor levels within Building 2A and 2B limits the design response, further refinement of this corner should be considered.

Materiality

While the existing vegetation located within the large street verge reduces the visual bulk of the proposal to Fitzgerald Avenue, as shown on the northern elevation, there is no change in materiality in any of the four buildings.

To reduce the repetition along this interface, there is a need for greater design variation through materiality, setbacks or articulation or a combination of all three. It is recommended that a condition be imposed that an alternative brick colour, material selection or other design change be required for either building 1B or 1C to reduce the apparent repetition. With only two buildings facing Yorktown Parade, no material changes are considered necessary for this street frontage.

Transport

Pedestrian access and movement

The consolidation of 14 vehicle crossovers into a single crossover is supported as it removes potential conflicts areas for pedestrians along the site's boundaries. Considering through site links, the introduction of a direct link with clear sightlines between Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade is supported. However, it is recommended that this should be open to the public, not just the residents via an access gate. Increasing public pedestrian permeability is strongly supported and public access via the through site link is recommended as a condition of consent.

Further, with the proposed increased in dwelling density and increased pedestrian movements to and from the site along with access to bus stops on both sides of Fitzgerald Avenue, investigations into the provision of a pedestrian refuge on Fitzgerald Avenue is recommended.

Vehicular access

¹ The Randwick LEP currently specifies 9.5m, with an additional 30% afforded through the Housing SEPP, resulting in the 12.35m figure.

As raised above, the consolidation of vehicle crossovers is supported, however the chosen location of the vehicular access is questioned. While site constraints relating to flooding and retention of existing street trees are understood to have led to the access in this location, the proposed location is to the higher order road interface of the development (Fitzgerald Avenue), is positioned on a convex curve and is located with minimal setback from adjoining properties. It is submitted that extensive planting and associated screening within the site occurs to minimise impact on neighbouring properties and sightlines available from the proposed crossover location be reviewed.

Landscaping and Tree Management

General comments

Council is supportive of the high level of street tree retention on both Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade and along with the substantial deep soil and landscaping areas proposed. Regarding canopy cover, as shown in the application documentation, the proposal at 24% does fall short of the 30% target contained within the DPHI greener places guidance.

Given substantial reduction in vehicle crossovers to Fitzgerald Avenue and Yorktown Parade and the associated increase in potential landscape / planting area, it is recommended that new street tree planting be incorporated into the proposal to assist with offsetting any reduced canopy cover that can be achieved within the subject site.

As several large tree species are located within the Fitzgerald Avenue verge, appropriate space should be retained for these species to reach maturity. It is therefore recommended that any proposed street tree planting be directed to Yorktown Parade.

Senior Landscape Development Officer's comments

The submission demonstrates compliance with the SEARs via the Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report by Arterra² and Landscape Plans by McLean Design Pty Ltd³.

The **Arborists Report** confirms the following:

- **144** trees on both public and private property have been assessed;
- **22** (15.2%) of these are street trees, comprising **16** (11.1%) along Fitzgerald Avenue, and **6** (4.1%) along Yorktown Parade;
- **25** (17.3%) are to be retained and protected;
- **11** of these have no/minimal impact from construction activities;
- **6** of these will be subject to 'minor encroachments' which poses no threat;
- **1** of these will sustain a 'major encroachment' which can be addressed by protection measures;
- Only **1** tree will require minor canopy/clearance pruning;
- **A total of 119** (82.6%) will require removal to accommodate the works;
- However, **112** (77.7%) of these are a combination of exempt weeds or have been assigned Low or Very Low/Remove Retention Values;
- Only **3** (2%) of those sought for removal have been assigned a High Retention Value.

The variety of Figs on the Fitzgerald Avenue verge are identified as the most important specimens at this site due to their size and presence in the streetscape, most notably **T140 & T44**.

To ensure preservation of the nominated trees, Council requests the formal appointment of an AQF Level 5 Consulting Arborist ('*Project Arborist*') for the duration of works to both implement and monitor the Tree Management Recommendations at Section 3.0 of the Arborist Report, to

² rev A dated 18/10/24

³ dwg's LDA-00 – 11, rev B dated 07/10/24

the extent shown on Appendix 4.1, Tree Protection & Removal Plan, along with ensuring compliance with AS4970-2009: 'Protection of trees on development sites' and AS4373-2007: 'Pruning of amenity trees'.

In this regard, particular attention is drawn to potential impacts arising from the new vehicle crossing adjacent T41-44, the new external footpath adjacent T140 (which will need to be provided above existing grades to avoid the huge buttress roots at surface level throughout this area) as well as the new external stormwater pipe in Yorktown Parade adjacent T2.

Consolidating the multiple vehicle crossings into one common point of access in Fitzgerald Avenue is seen as a major advantage as this directly increases the space that is available for these Figs to attain their full biological potential as well as increase opportunities for new public tree planting which will assist in integration of the development into the respective streetscapes.

It is critical that species selection for any new street trees in Fitzgerald Avenue does not result in over-crowding of the Figs and should be 'infill plantings' only, with any new street trees in Yorktown Parade to be mindful of restrictions created by the overhead power lines along this frontage. New tree planting locations must also consider the need for passive surveillance around external footpaths, site entries/exists and similar.

In this regard, Council's Street Tree Masterplan should be consulted as it lists preferred species for this precinct (for the purpose of achieving uniformity/consistency in streetscapes) together with desired spacings, setbacks from corners, cross overs and similar, to ensure that satisfactory lines of sight are provided for both pedestrian and vehicular movements.

The Landscape Plans show that *131 new/replacement trees and palms* will be provided, which are exclusively native/endemic, in areas of deep soil within the site, being the E-W corridor between the two built forms, as well as the site perimeter, which will result in a slight increase in quantity compared to the existing situation. Consideration must be given to the mature size of planting shown for the NW site corner where a new 600mm diameter concrete stormwater pipe and easement is shown on the plans, and the need for service authorities to have ease of access for emergencies/maintenance.

Wherever possible, all new trees plantings will be sited a minimum distance of 2.5m from any part of a building to maintain suitable separation as well as to allow unimpeded future growth.

The *Landscape Plans* show an acceptable level of detail and treatment, including a layered/tiered planting arrangement of Trees and Understorey, with the main feature being a shaded central corridor that will include a children's play area/rock garden, communal herb gardens, a palm grove, seating/benches, lighting, table tennis and BBQ facilities, all of which will cater to the future amenity needs of occupants.

Community and social considerations

Bedroom numbers

Currently the site accommodates 33 social dwellings contained within 9 separate buildings. As stated within the Social Impact Assessment all 33 social dwellings are 3 bedroom properties, leading to a current provision of 99 bedrooms.

The number of social dwellings proposed within the development is 50 comprised of 24 one-bedroom, 22 two-bedroom and 4 three-bedroom apartments. This totals 80 bedrooms within the proposed development. For the affordable housing component, the proposal is for 40 one bedroom, 51 two bedroom and 3 three bedroom apartments. While Homes NSW has presented information to Randwick Council officers and Councillors that the strongest demand for social housing in the Eastern Suburbs Allocation Zone⁴ is for dwellings up to 2 bedrooms, the proposal

⁴ The Eastern Suburbs Allocation Zone covers Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick and part of Bayside LGA

will result in an overall reduction in the total number of bedrooms. It recommended that the number of affordable 3 bedroom dwellings in the proposal be increased, given data showing that family households have the highest need for affordable housing.⁵

Ownership

Regarding ownership and temporal considerations, it is understood that the social dwellings are to be retained in Homes NSW (LAHC) ownership in perpetuity, with a corresponding management lease awarded to the Community Housing Provider (CHP) for 49 years. The retained ownership by Homes NSW (LAHC) of the social dwelling in perpetuity is strongly supported.

For the affordable dwelling component, it is understood that the ownership of these properties will be transferred to a Community Housing Provider with the requirement that they be retained as affordable housing dwellings for 25 years, being linked to period of Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) funding. Notwithstanding project feasibilities, it is strongly recommended that affordable housing should be retained in government ownership and is provided indefinitely. This will ensure continuous community benefit, transparency of government ownership of the entire site and secure tenure for residents.

Cohesive design

It is noted that the proposal incorporates several safety-by-design elements and appears as a solid example of what social housing renewal should be. A positive outcome is the way the proposal is designed to blend in with surrounding homes.

Tenant selection

While outside the scope of the SSD approval, it is submitted that as part of future planning, an agreement be made between Homes NSW and the managing CHP to reserve a portion of the social and/or affordable portfolio specifically for Domestic and Family Violence survivors. This being an area of high priority for Council, and one where Council currently has limited dwelling stock of our own.

We wish to reiterate Council's appreciation for Homes NSW's extensive engagement throughout the preparation of this SSD application. Further, Council welcomes the opportunity to continue working collaboratively with DPHI and Homes NSW on their redevelopment of landholdings within our LGA.

We trust the Council's comments on this SSD application will be taken into consideration during the assessment and determination.

If you have any further questions regarding Council's submission please contact Liam Stanley, Coordinator Strategic Planning on 02 9093 6679.

Yours sincerely,

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Director City Planning

⁵ Randwick's Community Profile (Housing Monitor), 2021.

Director City Services Report No. CS62/24

Subject: Active Transport Plan







Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a resolution of Council (Parker/Neilson) at the 27 February 2024 meeting, regarding the Active Transport Plan.
- Council adopted the Integrated Transport Strategy on 27 July 2021 which included a requirement to develop an Active Transport Plan for the Randwick LGA
(NB: The Active Transport Plan was referred to previously as the Active Transport Strategy).
- The Active Transport Plan is a suite of documents that establish the vision for active transport in the City, consistent with the Integrated Transport Strategy, to guide the strategic decisions of Council and Council officers regarding walking, public transport, and bicycle riding matters.
- The Active Transport Plan and supporting documents have undergone two rounds of community consultation and stakeholder engagement.
- The Active Transport Plan is aligned with Council and State Government policy and strategies.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Active Transport Plan including the “Active Transport Plan: Analysis” and the “Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling”.

Attachment/s:

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| 1.   Randwick Active Transport Plan | |
| 2.  Randwick Active Transport Plan: Analysis | Included under separate cover |
| 3.  Randwick Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling | Included under separate cover |
| 4.   Community Consultation Report Active Transport Strategy - Stage 1 | |
| 5.   Community Consultation Report Active Transport Strategy - Stage 2 | |

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting held on the 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 report informs the Council of the outcomes of the community consultation on the draft Active Transport Plan. This report also presents the final Active Transport Plan and the alignment with Council and State Government strategies and policy and recommends that Council adopt the Active Transport Plan.

Discussion

Background

The Active Transport Strategy previously presented to Council and the Community is now referred to as the Active Transport Plan to better reflect its position as a Related Plan rather than an Informing Strategy in Council's document hierarchy.

The Active Transport Plan will provide guidance for Council and Council Officers in delivering a transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people.

The requirement to develop an Active Transport Plan arises from the 2021 Integrated Transport Strategy (under Strategic Approach 1.1). The development of the Active Transport Plan has been funded (\$140,000) by Transport for NSW, under the 2022 / 2023 Get NSW Active program.

The first stage of community consultation was carried out in June / July 2023 to initially understand current behaviour, community aspirations and local issues relating to active transport. A draft Active Transport Plan was then developed in consultation with internal stakeholders and in consideration of the community feedback received.

The second stage of community consultation on the draft Active Transport Plan was approved at the February 2024 Council meeting, with consultation carried out in March / April 2024. The Active Transport Plan was then finalised following this further community feedback and internal consultation.

Active Transport Plan

The Active Transport Plan is comprised of three separate but related documents:

1. Active Transport Plan (see attachment 1)
2. Active Transport Plan: Analysis (see attachment 2)
3. Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling (see attachment 3)

1. Active Transport Plan

The Active Transport Plan is the public facing document which simply communicates the Council's vision and objectives for walking and cycling in Randwick.

It presents the overarching guiding principles and the strategic approaches in delivering the six desired outcomes for active transport (see Figure 1), and the related objectives and strategic approaches required to deliver on these outcomes. Also included are the measurements for success. These measurements are aligned with existing objectives and performance indicators set in Council's Community Strategic Plan and do not create additional targets except for the 'aim to increase the proportion of children who walk, scoot or cycle to school from a baseline of 15% to 25% by 2031'.



Figure 1: Six desired outcomes for walking and cycling in Randwick City

2. Active Transport Plan: Analysis

The Active Transport Plan: Analysis is the supporting report which presents the technical analysis of walking, cycling and active travel to school within Randwick City. It is based on contemporary guidance and best practice and provides the foundation for the vision and objectives for active transport in the Randwick LGA.

3. Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling

The Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling provides the detailed delivery plan outlining how Council will deliver the outcomes and objectives of the Active Transport Plan. It includes a comprehensive series of actions that Council can take to realise the objectives and outcomes for walking, cycling and active travel to school in Randwick City.

Included in the Walking and Cycling Plan are the Walking Improvement Areas and the proposed Cycling Network plan (see Figure 2).

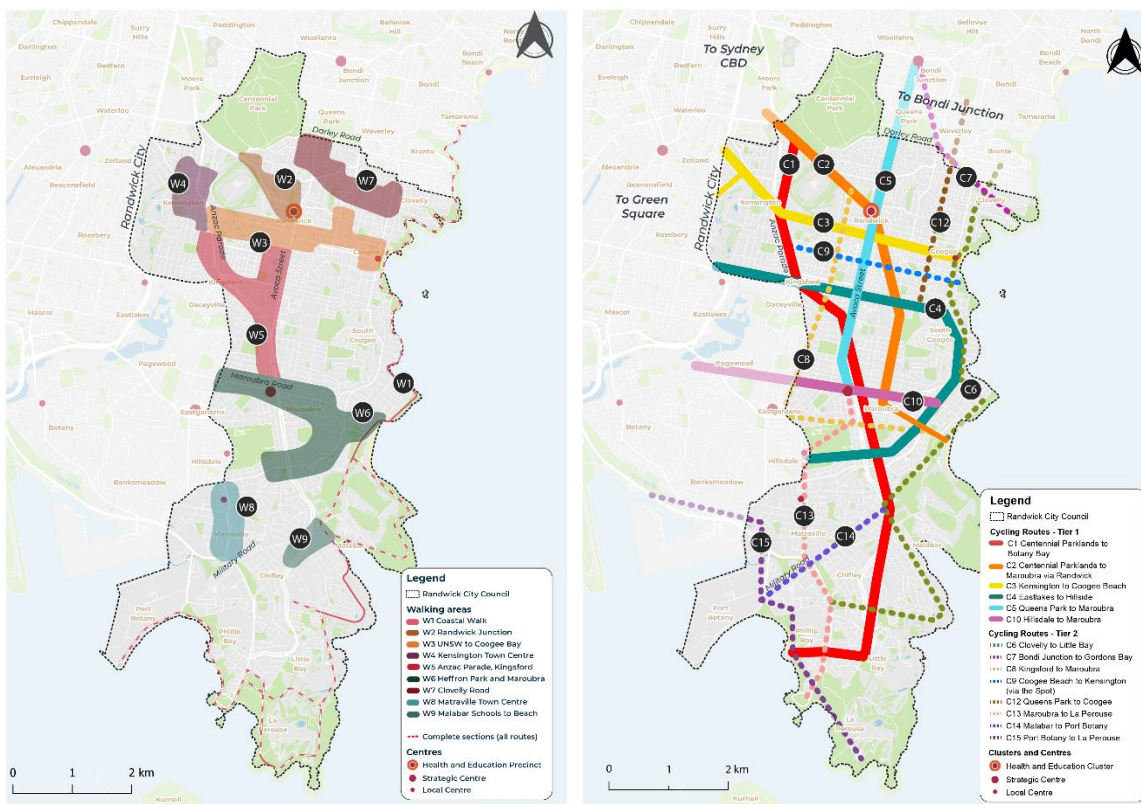


Figure 2: Walking Improvement Areas and the Cycling Network plans.

The Walking Improvement Areas designate nine areas where streetscape enhancements will be prioritised, such as footpath widening or new pedestrian crossings. These areas include our vibrant shopping districts and are aimed at facilitating easy access to nearby schools and public transport.

The Cycling Network builds on our previous bicycle routes and the NSW Government’s Strategic Cycling Corridors introduced in 2022. There are 15 strategic bicycle route connections identified, which link our key destinations with the current cycling network and to destinations in our neighbouring Councils.

Following adoption of the Active Transport Plan, an update of the 2015 Bicycle Route Construction Priority List will be undertaken, based on the Cycling Network and a community consultation process.

Community Consultation

The Active Transport Plan and supporting documents underwent two stages of community consultation.

Stage One of consultation was undertaken from 13 June to 12 July 2023 (see attachment 4) to understand current behaviour, community aspirations and local issues. There were 825 visits to Council’s ‘Your Say Randwick’ website, 355 people completed the survey and 574 pins were dropped on an interactive map by 89 contributors. Overall, the first engagement identified strong community interest in improvements to enable more walking and cycling (see Figure 3).



 Walking	 Riding
<p>86% of survey respondents are interested in walking more often</p>	<p>7 out of 10 respondents own a bike and use it sometimes</p>
<p>The biggest enablers to walk more often are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wider and better-quality footpaths 2. More pedestrian areas 3. Clean, tidy and pleasant street 	<p>The biggest enablers to ride more often are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New cycleways to provide separation from vehicles 2. Improving connectivity and continuity of cycle routes 3. Reducing traffic speeds on streets
<p>The main walking issues identified were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns about pedestrian safety on streets and at intersections 2. Accessibility and infrastructure, including narrow footpaths and uneven surfaces 3. Concerns about driver behaviour e.g. speeding 	<p>The main issues which discourage more people from riding bikes were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intersection safety and access issues 2. A lack of dedicated cycling infrastructure connecting people to their destination 3. Poor connectivity to existing safe routes and detours away from direct routes
<p>The top 3 ideas for improving walking in Randwick were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infrastructure changes and upgrades to improve pedestrian safety 2. Introduction of new public space 3. Reallocating road space to alternative uses 	

Figure 3: Summary of community interest in active transport modes from Stage 1 consultation

Stage Two of consultation was undertaken from 20 March to 17 April 2024 (see attachment 5) to seek feedback on the draft Active Transport Plan (Strategy) and supporting documents. There were 2,155 visits to the Your Say Randwick website, 846 views of the Active Transport Plan documents, 218 responses to the survey and 39 written submissions emailed to Council.

The second stage of consultation found that the overall sentiment of respondents towards the proposed Active Transport Plan and supporting documents was: 61% very happy or happy, 15% were neutral and 24% were unhappy or very unhappy (see Figure 4).

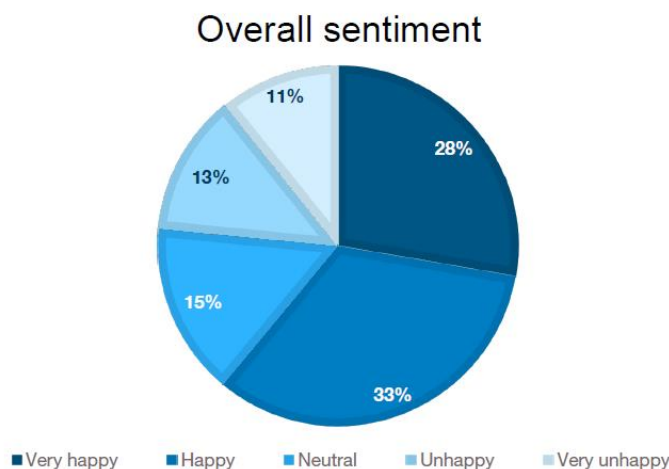


Figure 4: Overall sentiment of respondents for the Active Transport Plan

The survey questions also focused on gaining feedback to help refine and prioritise the Walking Improvement Areas and the strategic bicycle route connections identified in the Cycling Network Plan. An additional aim was to increase understanding of the support and initiatives needed to improve safety and to facilitate increased active transport participation at schools.

Internal Consultation

An internal staff Project Control Group (PCG) was established to ensure the opportunity for Council departments to provide feedback and guidance during the development of the Active Transport Plan. The PCG consisted of representatives from the following Council departments:

- Integrated Transport
- Technical Services
- Strategic Planning
- Infrastructure Services

The draft Active Transport Plan was distributed to members of the PCG on 3 October 2023 for review and feedback. The report was also sent to Community and Culture on 11 October 2023. All feedback received was considered and adopted.

Following stage 2 of the community consultation the draft Active Transport Plan was updated and issued to members of the PCG on 24 May 2024. No further comments were received.

State Government Alignment

The Active Transport Plan is consistent with the objectives of NSW Government policy. Of direct relevance to this decision, the following Transport for NSW (TfNSW) documents apply:

- The [Future Transport Strategy](#) provides the forty-year vision to guide transport in NSW
- The [Active Transport Strategy](#) which Guides the planning, investment and priority actions for walking and cycling in NSW.
- The [South-East Transport Strategy](#) further develops Future Transport as applied to South-East Sydney including Randwick LGA. It provides directions on the integration of land-use planning and transport to support mode shift to sustainable transport (walking, cycling and public transport)
- The [Movement and Place Framework](#) is a cross-government policy that guides the planning and management of streets throughout NSW to achieve better place outcomes
- The [Road User Space Allocation Policy and Procedure](#) is a TfNSW corporate policy that all projects and initiatives undertaken or funded by TfNSW must apply without exception. This specific policy applies to all public road reserves in NSW, to apply the Movement and Place Framework. It requires all road projects to consider road user space first for pedestrians, then

bicycle riders, public transport users, the movement of freight, ride-share vehicles, taxis, and then private motor vehicles.

TfNSW Road User policy applies to projects that are funded by TfNSW, it is therefore a key consideration for any road-related project undertaken by Randwick City Council where all or part of the project may be funded by the NSW Government. Movement and Place is also considered as best practice in NSW and is therefore an important policy to take into account with State government funded projects.

Council Strategy Alignment

The Active Transport Plan is consistent with, and supports, the objectives of the following Randwick Council strategies and plans.

Integrated Transport Strategy (2021)

The Integrated Transport Strategy establishes the principles of providing a transport network that:

- prioritises safety for everyone, particularly vulnerable road users,
- enables people to easily choose active and public transport options more often,
- caters to a variety of people, modes, and journey types,
- improves the resilience of Randwick City by enabling people to choose healthier options such as walking and bicycle riding, and
- is enhanced by working with partners and the community.

The adoption of the Active Transport Plan will provide direction and guidance for active transport in Randwick, directly helping to realise these principles for Randwick's transport network. The Active Transport Plan will also directly assist in meeting the following Integrated Transport Strategy objectives:

- Increase the active transport mode share to 35% by 2031, from a 26% baseline.
- Reduce the proportion of private vehicle trips from the 2018-19 baseline of 58% to 45% by 2031.
- Achieve a 50% reduction in casualties on the road network from a 2018 baseline of 269 incidents by 2031.

In addition, the Active Transport Plan will help meet or facilitate the following strategic approaches that have been identified to meet the above objectives:

- 1.1 to update the 2015 Bicycle Route Construction Priority List and develop an Active Transport Plan for the LGA
- 1.2 Provide an additional 30km of safe cycling routes by 2031, prioritising fully separated bicycle lanes where possible, in locations informed by our Bicycle Route Construction Priority plan and the TfNSW Principal Bicycle Network plan.
- 1.4 Deliver a network of walking paths by 2031 informed by the Green Grid strategy and Active Transport Plan.
- 1.5 Implement measures to increase safety for people riding bikes or walking in 5 locations each year until 2031, with priority given to identified crash sites.

Disability and Inclusion Action Plan (2022-2026)

A key priority of the Disability and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) is improving the accessibility of commercial centres, recreation areas, streetscapes, open spaces, and beaches. The DIAP includes Key Outcome 2.3 Design for Accessibility which seeks more pedestrian facilities, parks, buildings and beaches to be accessible to people with disabilities.

The Active Transport Plan supports this outcome under Action 1.1a – identifying and addressing missing pram ramps, accessibility barriers and ensuring flat and even surfaces for walking is provided throughout the LGA. Furthermore, the Active Transport Plan identifies walking catchments and walking improvement precincts, aligned with schools and neighbourhood, local and strategic centres, where footpath improvements would be prioritised.

Environment Strategy (2022)

Objective 2 of the Environment Strategy is to achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (CO² equivalent) across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, while acknowledging the significance and importance of aspiring to 100% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the same timeframe.

The Active Transport Plan supports this through reducing the use of private vehicles for some trips. Objective 2 of the Active Transport Plan is to ensure walking and riding are fun and encouraged, to help reduce the proportion of private vehicle trips from 58% in 2018-19 to 45% by 2031. Additionally, Objective 6 aims to make walking and riding the first choice for travel to school, seeking to increase active transport modes for these trips by 30% by 2031. Both objectives and their related actions will contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions in Randwick City.

Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2021)

Strategic Approach 3.1 of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy is to develop options to close the broken links in the Coastal Walkway to realise the long-term vision of a continuous pedestrian link between Clovelly and Botany Bay.

The Active Transport Plan directly supports this under Action 2.2a which seeks to address missing links and to widen footpaths along the Coastal Walk route and key access points.

Risks

The Active Transport Plan has been developed to be aligned with existing objectives and performance indicators set in Council’s Community Strategic Plan and does not create additional targets except for ‘aim to increase the proportion of children who walk, scoot or cycle to school from a baseline of 15% to 25% by 2031’. This 10% increase target is in line with the existing objective for increasing active transport within the LGA from 26% to 35% by 2031 (an increase of 9%).

In addition, the series of actions Council can choose to take to help meet these objectives, as presented in the Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling, are prioritised and are typically aligned with current Council actions to avoid creating onerous new tasks.

The following risks have been identified if the Active Transport Plan is not adopted:

Risks
Council would not meet the commitment set out in Strategic Approach 1.1 in the Integrated Transport Strategy to develop an Active Transport Plan.
Without a guiding plan Council and Council Officers would have no clear direction or surety around active transport projects within the LGA which would compromise the Integrated Transport Strategy target of increasing active transport modes of transport in the Randwick LGA from 26% to 35% by 2031.
Reputational risk to Council within the community following two rounds of consultation and published intent to develop an Active Transport Plan.
Reputational risk to Council within TfNSW if the Active Transport Plan is not adopted following expenditure of grant funding, potentially resulting in a risk to future grant funding consideration.
Potential risk to future grant funding for active transport projects without a sound foundation and direction for active transport aligned with state government strategy and policy.
There may be a level ‘community backlash’ if the Active Transport Plan is not adopted.
There may be a level ‘community backlash’ in relation to some of the priorities identified in the plan(s). Further specific community consultation will be completed on a project by project basis.

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	Deliver a network of walking paths by 2031 informed by the Green Grid strategy and Active Transport Plan.
Delivery program commitment	Develop a Green Grid strategy to improve pedestrian amenity by 2024.
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	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.
Objective	Reduce the proportion of private vehicle trips from the 2018-19 baseline of 58% to 45% by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Develop a program of works by 2023 to improve accessibility and amenity at public transport stops such as pedestrian crossings, lighting, shelter, and wayfinding signage, to improve overall customer experience of public 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	Apply the principles for road space allocation in 100% of local centre upgrade plans 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.
Delivery program commitment	Develop 'Principles for Road Space Allocation' based on a Transport Mode Hierarchy and the future Movement and Place framework in the South East Sydney Transport Strategy by 2027.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The adoption of the Active Transport Plan will have future resourcing implications as the Council undertakes actions to meet the objectives, in both this Active Transport Plan and the Integrated Transport Strategy.

As and when required, future reports will be brought back to Council seeking approval for the funding of projects identified in the plan.

Policy and legislative requirements

The Active Transport Plan aligns with the intent of the following documents:

- Randwick Integrated Transport Strategy (2021)
- Randwick Community Strategic Plan (2022)
- Randwick Place Strategy (Greater Sydney Commission 2018)
- Randwick Disability and Inclusion Action Plan (2022-2026)
- Randwick Environment Strategy (2022)
- Randwick Open Space and Recreation Strategy (2021).

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)
- Road User Space Allocation Policy (TfNSW 2021).

Conclusion

The Active Transport Plan and associated documents align with Council's existing strategic commitments, as well as NSW Government policy and best practice. It establishes the vision for active transport in the City, provides a clear pathway to deliver the outcomes established in the Integrated Transport Strategy and will guide strategic decisions of Council and Council officers in delivering a transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people.

Responsible officer: Lachlan Wood, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer

File Reference: F2022/00615

Director City Services Report No. CS63/24

Subject: Coogee Beach Volley Association - Licence Agreement alteration request

Executive Summary

- The Coogee Beach Volleyball Association (CBVA) has an existing Licence Agreement for the use of Coogee Beach to train and play beach volleyball on 5 courts. The agreement was renewed in July 2024 for a 3-year period.
- The Coogee Beach Volleyball Association has submitted a request to amend to the agreement to increase the operating hours of the beach volleyball courts, increase the size of the storage facility and request permanent posts be installed for Court 5.
- Council officers have consulted with the *Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety - Lifeguards* to seek feedback on the requests and whether it is suitable to support them.
- The assessment concluded that there is support for 2 of the 4 requests including for increasing the storage facility and extending the operational hours of courts 3 and 4 in summer so all courts can be used as follows:
 - Weekdays: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.
 - Saturday: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.
 - Sunday: Use of all courts (5) between 12pm and 8pm.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the Licence Agreement between Randwick City Council and Coogee Beach Volleyball Association for Occupation of land for 5 volleyball courts and storage box be amended as follows:

The hours of operation for the summer period:




Weekdays: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.

Saturday: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.

Sunday: Use of all courts (5) between 12pm and 8pm.

- b) the storage facility be increased in width or height to support the beach volleyball operations to council's satisfaction and the CBVA work with council officers to determine the final configuration of the storage box.

Attachment/s:

1.  Coogee Beach Volleyball Association - Alteration Requests to Licence Agreement
2.  Coogee Beach Volley Ball Association - Appendices 1- 5 - Support for requested changes to the Licence Agreement
3.  Coogee Beach Volleyball Association - CBVA - Club Overview

Purpose

This report outlines the assessment of a request to amend the existing licence agreement relating to the use of Coogee Beach for beach volleyball.

Discussion

Background

The Coogee Beach Volleyball Association (CBVA) has an existing Licence Agreement, which was renewed in July 2024 for a 3-year period. The agreement is for the use of Coogee Beach to train and play beach volleyball on 5 courts. The location and layout of the courts is shown in Image 1.

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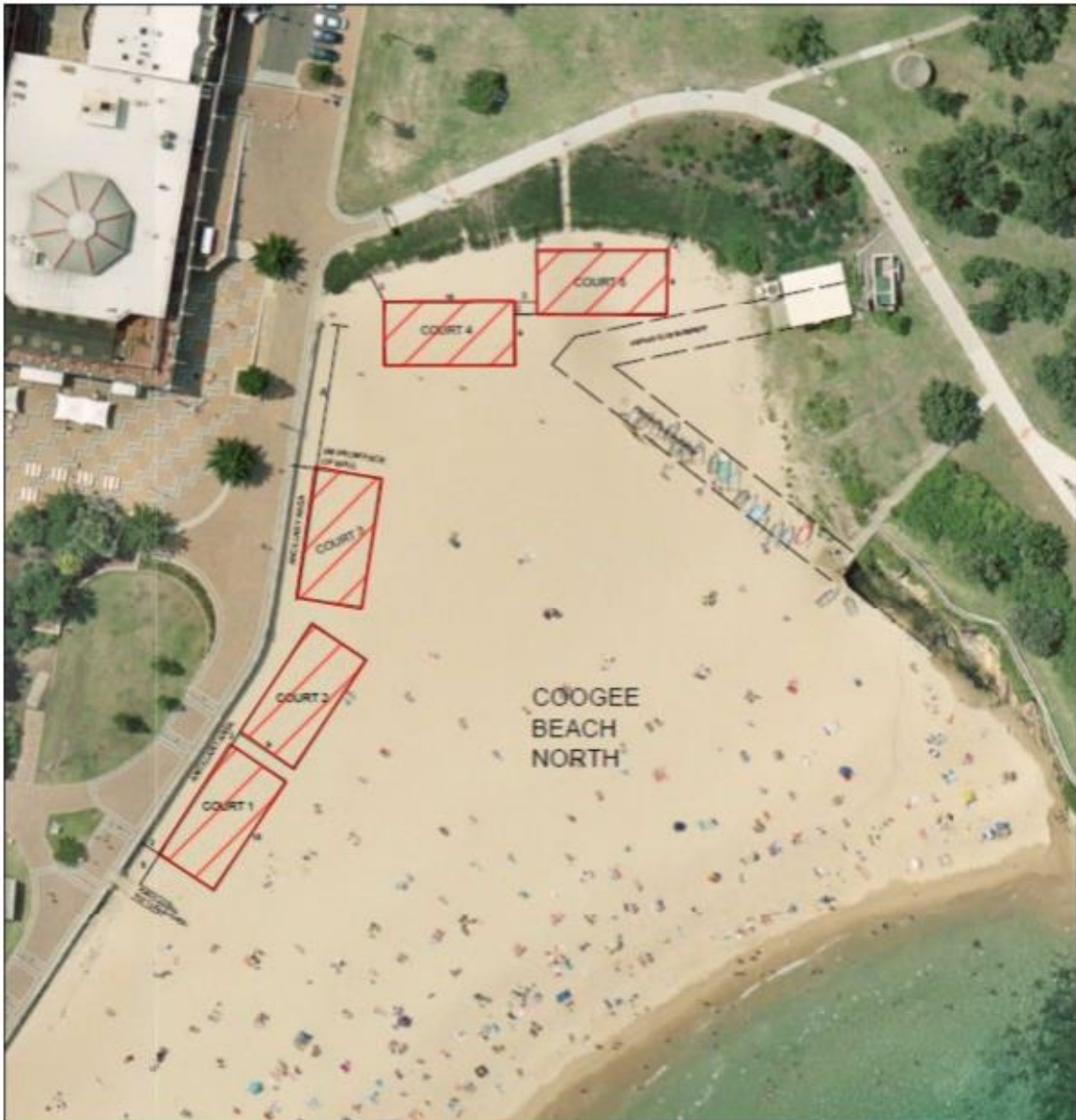


Image 1 – Location of Beach Volleyball Courts at Coogee Beach

The existing approved hours of operation are shown in the schedule below. The use of courts and hours vary depending on summer and winter seasons. The hours of operation also vary for weekdays versus weekends due to the visitors and users of Coogee Beach at these times.

SCHEDULE OF COURT USE			
Refer Attachment "A" - Map of location for the Courts			
SUMMER : 1 OCTOBER TO 31 MARCH			
	TIME PERIOD	COURT NO	NO OF COURTS
WEEKDAYS	6.00 am – 10.00 am	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
	10.00 am – 5.00 pm	1,2,5	3 courts
	5.00 pm – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
WEEKENDS			
Saturday	6.00 am – 9.00 am	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
	9.00 am – 6.00 pm	1,2,5	3 courts
	6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
Sunday	12 noon – 5.30 pm	1,2,5	3 courts
	5.30 pm – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
WINTER : 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER			
WEEKDAYS	6.00 am – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
WEEKENDS			
Saturday	6.00 am – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts
Sunday	6.00 am – 8.00 pm	1,2,3,4,5	5 courts

Requested Changes

Council has received a request from the CBVA to increase the hours of operation for the use of the beach volleyball courts to meet demand as the membership grows and additional programs are offered to local community groups.

The request received from CBVA includes 3 documents included as appendices. A summary of the requests and priority for CBVA is presented in table 1 below.

Item	Modification Request	Priority for CBVA
1	Change the available playing hours of Court 3 and Court 4 in Summer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekdays & Saturday - Allow play on Court 3 and 4 between 6am and 8pm (to match the schedule of Courts 1, 2 and 5). Sunday - Allow play on Court 3 and 4 from 12pm to 8pm (to match the schedule of Courts 1, 2 and 5). 	High
2	Change the available playing hours of Court 4 and Court 5 in Summer on Sunday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow play on Court 4 and 5 between 6am and 12pm. 	High
3	Additional storage space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the height of the current storage box. The height of the final box would not exceed the surrounding planter or fencing. CBVA would install any approved modifications to the storage box at CBVA's expense. 	Moderate
4	Permanent posts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent posts to be installed on Court 5. CBVA would install any approved permanent posts at CBVA own expense. 	Low

Assessment of Requests

The CBVA has been using Coogee Beach to play beach volleyball for many years. As the association has grown, council has supported them by increasing the number of courts, installation of permanent posts and approved a storage facility.

Consideration on the number of courts and hours of operation was previously determined with consideration to local residents, businesses, other users of Coogee beach, council management operations (beach rake) and our safe management of the beach by our Lifeguards, Rangers and operational staff.

The alteration requests, items 1-4 have been assessed by council officers in consultation with our Lifeguards. A summary of our assessment on each item is provided below.

Item 1

The request is to increase the hours of operation for Courts 3 and 4 during summer as follows:

- Weekdays: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.
- Saturday: Use of all courts (5) between 6am and 8pm.
- Sunday: Use of all courts (5) between 12pm and 8pm.

After consultation with our Lifeguards, we have determined to support this request.

Item 2

The request is to increase the hours of operation of Courts 3 and 4 during summer as follows:

- Sunday: Use of Courts 4 and 5 between 6am and 8pm.

Sunday mornings at Coogee Beach during summer is when the Nipper program operates. The Nipper program is very popular and attracts hundreds of children and their parents onto Coogee Beach.

Generally, we do not approve other activities when the Nippers use our beaches for crowd control and public safety.

Further, to manage noise impacts for local residents, particularly on Sunday mornings, the 6am start is not supported.

Based on our assessment, this request is not supported.

Item 3

The request to increase the storage has been assessed. The current location of the storage box is adjacent to a garden bed and does not impede pedestrian access.

CBVA has advised that they will fund the works to increase the size of the storage box.

It has been determined that there is scope to increase the storage box without impacting the amenity of the local area.

This request is supported. Council officers will work with CBVA representatives to facilitate the changes if endorsed.

Item 4

The request for permanent posts on Court 5 has been assessed. As can be seen in image 1, the available area for Court 5 is constrained by the easement for the fishing club to store and transport the boats to / from the club. The area is also constrained by the beach access from the north.

For these reasons, location of Court 5 should remain flexible and therefore permanent posts are not supported.

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.

Risks

Council through its lifeguards manage public safety in the water and on our beaches along the Randwick coastline. A key consideration of public safety is to manage access and formal activities on the beach to ensure that there are adequate resources to manage crowds.

Resourcing Strategy implications

CBVA, as a not-for-profit association, received discounted licence fees for the use of Coogee Beach for beach volleyball. Should the supported changes be endorsed, there will be no increase in licence fee. There is no cost to council arising from the recommendation.

Policy and legislative requirements

Activities and use of community land require approval via a licence agreement in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.

Conclusion

The use of Coogee Beach for beach volleyball is a compatible activity that has been in place for many years. Beach volleyball is a popular sport and commonly played on many beaches in NSW and across Australia.

The request by the CBVA for additional operating hours to meet demand has been assessed and is supported for certain requests.

On this basis, it is recommended that the existing Licence Agreement be amended to increase the operating hours in summer as follows:

- Weekdays & Saturday - Allow play on Court 3 and 4 between 6am and 8pm (to match the schedule of Courts 1, 2 and 5).
- Sunday - Allow play on Court 3 and 4 from 12pm to 8pm (to match the schedule of Courts 1, 2 and 5).

It is also recommended that the request to increase the size of the storage facility be supported and council staff work with the CBVA to develop the scope of work.

Responsible officer: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

File Reference: F2004/07591

Director City Services Report No. CS64/24

Subject: Muraborah Reserve - Proposed off-leash dog park

Executive Summary

- This report responds to a Notice of Motion by Cr Parker and a council resolution from its meeting in July 2024, to investigate the proposal to establish an off-leash dog park at Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra.
- In accordance with the resolution, community consultation was conducted from 21 August 2024 to 18 September 2024.
- There was a high level of community participation with 536 survey responses and 18 submissions.
- Of the survey respondents, 83% supported the establishment of an off-leash dog park at Muraborah Reserve.
- Based on the assessment of the community consultation feedback and the existing use of the park, it is recommended to proceed with the proposal to establish a new off-leash dog park at Muraborah Reserve and install supporting infrastructure.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra be established as an off-leash dog park including installation of signage, dog bag dispensers, litter bins and water fountain/s.
- b) An environmental assessment be undertaken to identify how to effectively manage the activity at this location.
- c) New gates be planned and installed on the existing perimeter fence.

Attachment/s:

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| 1. Community Consultation Report - Muraborah Reserve - Dog off-leash proposal | Included under separate cover |
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Purpose

This report outlines the community consultation undertaken in response to the Notice of Motion by Cr Dylan Parker and council's resolution at its meeting held in July 2024.

Discussion

Background

At its ordinary meeting on 23 July 2024, council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Parker/Chapple) that Council:

- a) *exhibit in the month of August a proposal for an off-leash dog park encompassing the entirety of Muraborah Reserve, Maroubra including consideration of the enclosure of any gaps in gates;*
- b) *ensure that any proposal developed include consideration of 'ground rules' signage, additional waste bags, bins and water stations; and*
- c) *commence work on any required environmental assessment to facilitate the accompanying change.*

This report provides the outcome of community consultation as per the resolution and should the recommendation be endorsed, details of the planned implementation.

Community Consultation

Community consultation for the off-leash dog proposal at Muraborah Reserve was conducted from 21 August 2024 to 18 September 2024.

The Community engagement activities undertaken include:

- Dedicated consultation website to take a survey
- Flyer to all households within a 800m radius of the Reserve
- Posters on site
- Email to Maroubra Bay Public School and Maroubra Community Gardens
- Email to Your Say subscribers: 21 August 2024
- Randwick News (weekly email): Listed every week during consultation period
- Social media: Instagram and Facebook 27 August 2024
- Email to all Randwick City Precincts
- Digital display screens at Randwick City libraries, Des Renford Aquatic Centre and Customer Service Centre
- Listing on Randwick City Council's Current Consultations webpage
- Councillor notification

This community engagement generated:

- 2341 visits to the Your Say Randwick website
- 536 survey responses
- 18 submissions

Survey Results

There was overall support for off-leash dogs at Muraborah Reserve with 443 out of 536 (83%) respondents supporting the proposal.

Of the total number of respondents, 411 were users of the reserve and 125 do not use the reserve.

The survey identified that 389 respondents own a dog with 377 in support of the off-leash proposal. There were 147 respondents who do not own a dog with 66 supporting the proposal, 66 against the proposal and 15 unsure.

Dog walking is the most popular activity at Muraborah Reserve.

Submissions

We received 18 submissions during the consultation period with the majority expressing support for off-leash dog exercise.

Those in support highlighted social benefits for both dogs and owners. Those opposed to the proposal expressed concerns about the negative impact on the reserve with perceived impact to other recreational activities.

Some submissions suggested creating separate areas with a designated off-leash area whilst keeping the top section dog free for other purposes.

The full list of submissions is included in the attached consultation report.

Assessment

The community consultation has identified strong support for Muraborah Reserve to be an off-leash dog park.

Muraborah Reserve is already being used by dog owners as an informal off-leash dog exercise area. Community feedback indicates that this location is preferred as an off-leash dog park because it has a perimeter fencing.

The proposal seeks to formalise existing practices and based on consultation outcomes is supported by the community.

Exercising of dogs off-leash is a suitable activity on public land. Council effectively manages 16 off-leash dog parks across the local government area.

On this basis, it is recommended that we proceed with the designation of Muraborah Reserve as an off-leash dog park. To ensure suitable environmental measures are in place, it is recommended that the proposal be supported by an environmental assessment.

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	Identify off-leash dog areas for suburbs with greater than 25% high density dwellings including South Coogee, Kensington and Kingsford and one beach location (limited hours).

Risks

There are public safety and environmental risks associated with designated off-leash dog parks. These risks are satisfactorily mitigated through several initiatives including signage that outlines owner responsibilities, dog bag dispensers, litter bins, enforcement and community education.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The funding for new signage, dog bag dispensers, litter bins and water fountain/s and gates on the existing fencing is in the existing capital works budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Local Government Act, 1993

Conclusion

Randwick Council effectively manages 16 off-leash dog parks. There continues to be a high demand for dog exercise areas.

The proposal to designate Muraborah Reserve as an off-leash dog park arose from community requests to formalise this park for this activity because it meets the needs of dog owners to safely exercise their dogs off leash.

The community consultation identified strong support for the proposal.

It is recommended that we proceed with establishment of an off-leash dog part at Muraborah Reserve including undertaking an environmental assessment and installation of supporting infrastructure.

Responsible officer: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

File Reference: F2024/00356

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC31/24

Subject: Sea Place On Country Project Update

Executive Summary

- This report responds to a resolution of Council (Parker/Said) at the 28 May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting that requested a more detailed event proposal on the Sea Place On Country event.
- Council staff have developed a brief for a new event, *Sea Place on Country*, an evolution of the previous innovative arts event, NOX Night Sculpture Walk.
- Presented at the Council Meeting 28 May 2024 (Report CC8/24), the *Sea Place on Country* proposal was informed by a scope created by the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee and developed in partnership with the La Perouse Aboriginal community. In addition, the proposal delivers against a range of arts and culture strategic objectives.
- In response, Council staff have developed a comprehensive event proposal which includes detailed information on the project overview, project management, procurement, location, event management, artist curation, timeframe and budget. This information is outlined in this report for Council's consideration and approval.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) approve the proposal and framework for the development and delivery of the *Sea Place on Country* event as detailed in this report; and
- b) notes that a budget allocation will be considered as part of the 2025-2026 budget process.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its 28 May 2024 meeting, Council resolved in response to the *Sea Place on Country* Project Update Report:

(Parker/Said) that Council:

- a) *proceeds with the documentary and community preview of the 'Mullet Run' Film (\$89,600.00 over 23/24 and 24/25);*
- b) *proceeds with the programming and exhibition at La Perouse Museum around the 'Mullet Run' (existing LPM budget); and*
- c) *defers the Public Art installation event, 'Sea Place on Country', until Council can consider a more detailed event proposal (including logistics, location, timeframes, procurement).*

This report seeks Council's approval to proceed with the proposed public art installation of *Sea Place on Country*. The methodology for this arts program is detailed in this report, including project overview, project management, procurement, location, event management, artist curation, timeframe, and budget.

Discussion

Background

In May 2024, Council received a Report and Briefing for the project *Sea Place on Country*. The proposal delivered against a range of Arts & Culture strategic objectives, informed by a scope identified by the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, and developed in partnership with the La Perouse Aboriginal community.

The proposed *Sea Place on Country* program celebrates Aboriginal stories and connection to ocean. The multidisciplinary program includes a documentary on the La Perouse mullet run, a major exhibition at the La Perouse Museum, and a large-scale outdoor light sculpture installation on the La Perouse headland.

Project overview

An installation of illuminated sculptures is proposed to be featured across the La Perouse headland as part of a vibrant celebration of culture presented across five days – Wednesday to Sunday before the end of 2025.

The sculptures will be of sea creatures found in the water around La Perouse, including Frenchmans Cove, Congwong Bay, and Frenchmans Bay. Preliminary conversations with the La Perouse Aboriginal Community Cultural Fishing Group and potential light sculpture fabrication companies have suggested sea creatures could include mullet fish, sea horse, octopus, and mutton fish (Abalone). The types of sea creatures will be determined by the working party and the successful light sculpture fabrication company in consultation with Council.



Image: GLOW at Sydney Zoo. Light sculpture created by A Blanck Canvas.

The sculptures will be of varying size, stretching from one to five metres in length. The sculptures will feature designs commissioned from local Aboriginal artists, the designs wrapping the sculptures to create vibrant artistic interpretations of each creature. Examples of this approach to public art is evident in similar programs below, *Waterfront Whale Tales* and *Celebrate EuroFestival*.



Image: *Waterfront Whale Tales*, 2022. Darling Harbour.

An outdoor installation of 30 whale tales with each tale designed by a different artist – the methodology of different artworks created by different artists aligns with approach for Sea Place on Country.



Image: *Celebrate EuroFestival 2023*.

An outdoor installation featuring 12 Soloveiko Songbirds which featured different designs on each bird – the methodology of different artworks created by different artists aligns with the approach for Sea Place on Country.

Timeframe

Sea Place on Country will be presented across five days in September 2025. Proposed times for each day are outlined below.

- Wednesday, 5pm to 7pm: School Preview
- Thursday, 5pm to 10pm: Opening Night
- Friday, 5pm to 10pm: Event Night 1
- Saturday, 5pm to 10pm: Event Night 2
- Sunday: 5pm to 10pm: Event Night 3

Across the five days, the La Perouse Loop (Anzac Parade to Endeavour Avenue) will be closed from early afternoon for Council's program of activities presented between 5pm and 10pm each night.

A summary of the proposed daily programming is as follows:

Wednesday 5pm to 7pm: School preview

A special night celebrating local schools who will be invited to preview *Sea Place on Country* before it opens to the public. Various school groups will be engaged in the creation of the artwork by young artists, and this will be a chance to celebrate their peers.

Thursday 5pm to 10pm: Opening event

The opening event will showcase the light sculpture installation featuring 30 sculptures with work by 30 plus young, emerging, mid-career, and established artists. As part of the opening event, we will present the Mullet Run documentary commissioned by Council, shown on a large outdoor screen on the green in front of La Perouse Museum. The event will feature live performances and audiences will be able to enjoy refreshments from local businesses and will be supplemented by food truck vendors along the Loop.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 5pm to 10pm: Event Night 1, 2 & 3

Sea Place on Country continues, inviting community to walk the La Perouse headland after dusk each day. Audiences will be able to spend a night on the headland – weaving through the light sculptures and enjoying live performance and refreshments from local restaurants around the headland as well as food truck vendors.

Sea Place on Country will be presented alongside La Perouse Museum's major Mullet Run Exhibition. Throughout *Sea Place on Country*, there will be public programming including talks and workshops presented between the museum, headland and watchtower which complements the overarching program themes of Aboriginal stories and connection to ocean.

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Image: Tarutharu, the Kurna Skink. Blanck Canvas.

A 27-metre-long animatronic skink with moving head created in collaboration with Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara artist Elizabeth Close with Kurna and Nurungga man, Jack Buckskin. Accompanied by narration and soundscape.

Project management

Council has established a working group comprised of staff across the Community and Culture directorate which includes Manager Economic Development & Placemaking, Head Arts & Culture, Head La Perouse Museum, and Community Development Officer, Aboriginal Programs. Following endorsement by Council this working group will expand to include Producer Events and Head Economy and Place, as well as the engagement of an external producer to support the delivery of the program.

Council has established a remunerated Aboriginal working party which includes members of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community Cultural Fishing Group, community leaders with generational ties to cultural fishing practices. Preliminary conversations have already taken place with this working party, with *Sea Place on Country* receiving a positive response from different Elders across community.

An experienced outdoor light sculpture company will be engaged to design, develop, deliver, install and deinstall the installation. Council staff have commenced scoping potential companies experienced in delivering outdoor immersive installations locally, nationally, and internationally. These companies include teams of specialists experienced in design, lighting, fabrication, automation and more.

Location

Anchoring *Sea Place on Country* on the La Perouse headland highlights a culturally significant area within the LGA and meets multiple objectives in Randwick's Arts and Culture Strategy (2021):

- 1.8 Increase by 20% the opportunities for Council and external producers for outdoor performance and festival programming, art and mural installations, to generate a lively street culture both day and night in each town centre by 2031.
- 2.5 Transform La Perouse Museum into a flagship cultural hub and facility to increase artist and cultural engagement by 80% by 2031.
- 2.12 Increase visitation of La Perouse Museum by 20% through a diverse set of programming and exhibitions by 2027.



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Light sculptures will be anchored on the headland between La Perouse Museum and the Macquarie Watchtower, indicated by red and purple swirls above. This placement establishes connection between the two venues and planned programming, creating a more holistic experience for audience members.

Sculpture placement will be determined in consultation with the successful outdoor light sculpture company, highly experienced in delivering large-scale outdoor events exposed to the elements. As part of preliminary research and conversations, specialists have suggested sculpture placement between undulating hills to provide protection from elements and have advised that powering solutions for sculptures will determine placement and proximity to each other.

Furthermore, the placement of sculptures will be determined with consideration of community experience – access and inclusion will be incorporated into the design, endeavoring to make *Sea Place on Country* accessible to a broad cross section of our community.

Red crosses on map above indicate where road closures commence on Anzac Parade and the red highlighted road indicates proposed road closures. The event site is located close to public transport routes and on-street parking. Council will work with Transport for NSW and TransDev to increase and extend bus services to La Perouse as well as running a shuttle bus. A shuttle bus service to run from key town centres to La Perouse will be explored to alleviate pressures on parking and increase visitation to local restaurants.

Event Management

Council's working group of staff across community, arts, museum, events, and economic development will work collectively to manage various elements of event planning and delivery.

Nearby residents will be notified via letter box drop with event information. Outside of daylight savings timing, activation of the site can commence early from 5pm and conclude at 10pm to minimise impact on surrounding residents.

As an outdoor event, the durability of the sculptures will be incorporated into the fabrication process. Like other outdoor light sculpture events, for example VIVID Sydney, the event will proceed in wet weather unless there is identified risk, for example lightning or dangerous weather conditions.

A security company will be engaged to be onsite to support crowd management, safety and help protect the light sculptures from any vandalism. In the lead up to the event Council will liaise with emergency services, appropriately briefing departments, supplying risk documentation and requesting onsite staffing if required due to anticipated attendance numbers.

An external company will be engaged to develop a Traffic Management Plan and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation strategy to support the road closure of Anzac Parade as outlined in the location plans. Council have secured Permit/Plug/Play grant funding from Transport for NSW, which will support traffic management and traffic control planning for the event.

The Economic Development & Placemaking team will liaise with local businesses to prepare them for the event, including investigating extended trading hours, and seeking ways to capitalize on increased attendance to the local area. The team will also consult with the Bays and Beaches Precinct and Matraville Precinct.

As per all major outdoor events, Council staff will liaise with emergency services including Eastern Beaches Area Police Command and local Fire Services ahead of the event.



Images of a recent Mullet Run, taken by La Perouse community member, 27 April 2024

Artist Curation

Sea Place on Country provides opportunities for the next generation of Aboriginal artists while celebrating Aboriginal stories and connection to ocean.

The program will feature the work of 30 plus Aboriginal artists which can include 20 x young artists, 10 x emerging artists and 5 x emerging, mid-career and established artists.

The curatorial focus addresses suggestions from Council's Arts and Culture Advisory Committee including *reimagining NOX as an Aboriginal event and generate an authentic First Nations experience and create an immersive event to share First Nations stories.*

The program is in alignment with the Australian Government's Creative Australia strategic priorities, whose first pillar is *First Nations First*. Furthermore, is aligns with the NSW Government's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy, whose first guiding principal is to *Prioritise First Nations Culture.*

The program meets the following strategic objectives in Council's Arts and Culture Strategy:

- 1.3 Recognise, value and celebrate our First Nations history through a minimum of 5 targeted events, activities or programs each year.
- 1.4 Increase by 10% the programs, activities and initiatives that preserve and tell the stories of the cultural heritage of the city by 2031.

Sea Place on Country responds to community surveyed in the La Perouse Museum Visitor Survey, in which 66% of respondents wanted to see more Aboriginal and First Nations Stories. Additionally,

the La Perouse Museum Your Say survey saw programming focused on Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Community as the highest rated programming area of interest.

The composition of Aboriginal artists will include:

Young artists:

Council will work with local childcare, preschool, primary school, and high school groups to showcase the work of young Aboriginal people. Inclusive of diverse ages and abilities, Council will facilitate a mixed approach of solo and collective work. For example, one sea creature might feature one artist’s design (e.g. high school student) while another sea creature might feature collaged designs created by many young artists (e.g. childcare group).

Emerging artists:

Council will facilitate an Expression of Interest process for the emerging artists. Open to Aboriginal artists who live, work, study, or have ancestral connection to the Randwick LGA. These artists will be defined as artists in the beginning stages of their career. Emerging artists are not defined by an age limit and can include anyone at the beginning of their career.

The Expression of Interest will be open for at least two weeks, advertised through Council’s communications channels and through our community networks. Artists will be selected by a panel including members of our Aboriginal working party, project staff and community representatives from the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

Emerging, mid-career and established artists:

Council will directly commission 5 Aboriginal artists at any stage of their practice including emerging, mid-career and established. This broad commissioning model will allow for a mix of exciting upcoming student artists, as well as mid-career and established artists.

Artist fees have been budgeted which are based off payment models upheld by National Association for Visual Arts.

Beyond Sea Place on Country

Council will investigate future opportunities for the sculptures created for *Sea Place on Country*, considering possibilities for future local or touring presentation.

The artworks will be retained by Council with potential use for future events, in consultation with the La Perouse Aboriginal community.

The delivery of an event of this scale on the La Perouse headland further provides a blueprint for future large-scale programming in alignment with Council strategies to be delivered at the same site.

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 creative and culturally rich city that is innovative, inclusive and recognised nationally
Objective	Establish a strong cultural identity for the Randwick LGA by 2031 that is inclusive and founded on the contribution of First Nations people by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Recognise, value and celebrate our First Nations history through a minimum of 5 targeted events, activities or programs each year.
Delivery program commitment	Increase by 10% the programs, activities and initiatives that preserve and tell the stories of the cultural heritage of the city by 2031.

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	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.
Delivery program commitment	Increase visitation of La Perouse Museum by 20% through a diverse set of programming and exhibitions by 2027.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The total cost to deliver this project is \$355 851.00.

Council has \$275,163 allocated in its 2024-25 Arts & Culture budget to deliver a nighttime First Nations public art event and includes a rollover of NOX funding from last financial year.

Council has received \$65,000 from Transport for New South Wales via Permit/Plug/Play funding which can be used towards this event.

With those two budget allocations, there is a gap of \$15,688 which will be considered as part of the annual budget process for 2025-2026.

Key Stage of Program	Deliverables	Estimated costing	Notes
Light Sculptures	<i>Engagement of an experienced light sculpture fabrication company to work alongside Council and the working party to develop and implement light sculptures.</i>	\$170,000	Engaging experienced fabrication companies accustomed to working with artists to create durable and impactful outdoor light sculptures. Company will guide the creation of artworks, ensure best-practice with safe installation and deinstallation of works as well as complimentary multidisciplinary elements.
Artist Fees and Program Creation	<i>Fees for the 30 plus young, emerging and established artists engaged to create the 2D artworks which will be applied to the 3D light sculptures. Fees for additional creatives like musicians and event producers.</i>	\$69,000	The costs associated with artist material fees and fabrication sits within the Light Sculptures and Event Delivery budget line as it is part of the work of the fabrication company.
Live Performance and Events	<i>Fees for live performance across the four nights including performers, musicians, and dancers. Film truck for screening.</i>	\$13,635	
Traffic Management Implementation	<i>Traffic control, equipment, towing.</i>	\$30,000	
Event Security	<i>Security staff present throughout event delivery across four nights, security staff present overnight to protect light sculptures across five nights. First aid.</i>	\$8,216	
Event Delivery TFNSW Funding	<i>Traffic Management Plan, HVM Assessment, event infrastructure (furniture, AV, staging), security</i>	-\$65,000	

TOTAL ALLOCATED 2024-25	Arts & Culture Budget, Nighttime First Nations Public Art Event \$275,163 TFNSW Funding \$65,000 Outstanding \$15,688 to be found in Economic Development and Placemaking Budgets.	TOTAL COST	\$355,851 - \$65 000 grant \$290 851.00 to be funded through budget allocation
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If approved, the majority of funding would come from the 2024-2025 budget allocation, with some funding to be considered as part of the budget planning process for 2025-2026.

Experienced light sculpture fabrication companies will be engaged via Randwick Council's procurement processes.

Conclusion

Sea Place on Country is an exciting multidisciplinary program which positions Randwick Council as a cultural leader. This flagship community and cultural event meets the objectives of the NOX Night Sculpture Walk, but further innovates through the inclusion of established and emerging Aboriginal artists working in partnership with leading sculpture fabricators.

Meeting multiple deliverables in the Arts & Culture Strategy, *Sea Place on Country* creates an opportunity for First Nations communities in the LGA to have ownership of their cultural histories through innovative creative programming that is accessible to a broad cross section of our community. The First Nations focus is in alignment with Australian Government and NSW Government strategies as well as community feedback sought through La Perouse Museum surveys and Your Say.

By anchoring *Sea Place on Country* on the iconic La Perouse Headland – Bidjigal Country – the event aims to highlight a culturally significant area within the LGA. Importantly, through the generation of story and art, *Sea Place on Country* will create a level of permanency in celebrating First Nations stories and histories and will also provide a powerful and engaging event for local residents, the wider community and visitors to the LGA.

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Director Community & Culture Report No. CC32/24

Subject: Randwick Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicle Policy

Executive Summary

- This report responds to a resolution of Council (Luxford/Burst) at the 26 July 2022 Council meeting and a resolution of Council (Mayor, Cr Parker) on 27 June 2023 regarding a program and policy for food trucks.
- Food trucks have become a popular offering for our community since the inception of the *Eat Drink Play* (EDP) food trucks program during COVID in 2020.
- Food Trucks (mobile vehicles containing a kitchen) and food vans (selling pre-prepared food/drinks with no food preparation on-site) are collectively known as mobile food vending vehicles and currently operate very differently in the LGA. Food vans are able to operate across the LGA, whilst food trucks can only do so currently via booked monthly sites or through events.
- Generally the same food truck operators have been in the program since inception and at the same sites. Most sites now are barely used or are no longer appropriate in a post-COVID economy.
- This report reviews the current operational model of food trucks in Randwick and offers a range of recommendations.
- A draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles (MFVV) policy for Randwick has been developed for public exhibition, bringing food trucks and food vans together under one framework. This is a common approach amongst many councils.
- The draft policy outlines the introduction of a daily LGA-wide itinerant model for food trucks and food vans with exclusions and also trialing three fixed sites via EOI for a 6-month period, expanding the number of food trucks in the *Eat Drink Play* program, and resourcing more annual food truck events.
- It is also proposed that Council explores the Duffy's Corner carpark as an appropriate site in the LGA for compliant food trucks to operate as a monthly food truck 'market'.



Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the draft Randwick Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy to be placed on public exhibition;
- b) introduce an itinerant model for all Mobile Food Vending Vehicles to operate across the LGA from 7am – 10pm, with exclusions;
- c) trial via expression of interest, a 6-month opportunity at three popular beach sites for mobile food vending vehicle operators to trade, at Cromwell Park carpark, Clovelly carpark and Yarra Bay carpark on a monthly rotation with the option to make the program permanent;
- d) endorses the itinerant and fixed site options to be in operation from December 2024 whilst the policy is on exhibition;
- e) notes that an additional budget allocation will be considered as part of the 2025-26 budget process to expand the *Eat Drink Play* community events;
- f) open and promote the EOI to food trucks outside of the LGA to increase diversity of offering;

- g) explore a monthly multi-food truck 'market' trial site at Duffy's Corner carpark, Maroubra; and
- h) note the existing fee for itinerant food trucks and endorse a new fee for fixed sites.

Attachment/s:

1.   Randwick Draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy

Purpose

At its meeting held 26 July 2022, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Burst) that Council:

- a) *make permanent the Eat, Drink, Play food truck program providing for food trucks to trade from Thursday to Sunday, and public holidays between 11am – 8pm at approved locations;*
- b) *continue the Eat Drink Play Food Truck pop-ups until a review of the events schedule is considered in line with the strategic approach in the Arts & Culture Strategy; and*
- c) *give future consideration to reducing barriers to access for food trucks, including encouraging additional numbers and a greater diversity of operators.*

At its meeting held 27 June 2023 Council further resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr Parker) that:

- a) *Council officers bring a report back seeking to develop a policy and accompanying resourcing strategy with the objective of encouraging/increasing food truck activity across Randwick City and an expanded Eat, Drink, Play program;*
- b) *this policy and accompanying resource strategy investigate additional suitable locations across our city focusing on a geographical spread; and*
- c) *Council look at encouraging a diversity of food truck offerings and businesses to Randwick residents including expanding the list of food trucks engaged to include those outside the Randwick LGA.*

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Council Resolutions by reviewing Council's current food truck operations with recommendations including: a combined policy governing both food trucks and food vans, more food trucks into the LGA, introduction of an itinerant model for food trucks trade, trial via EOI three popular fixed beach sites for 6 months to test longer-term opportunities, expand Council's food truck events and investigate a monthly 'food truck market' at Duffy's Corner in Maroubra, for Council approval.

Discussion

This Report looks at the evolution of how food trucks are engaged and managed by Council within the Randwick LGA, and future opportunities.

Food trucks are classified as **mobile food vending vehicles (MFVVs)** by the NSW Government's Food Authority. The current definition is "a mobile food vending vehicle is any means of transport, whether self-propelled or not, which is moved from place to place and used for selling food. It includes vehicles used for on-site food preparation (for example hamburgers, hot dogs and kebabs), one-step food preparation (such as popcorn, fairy floss, coffee and squeezing juices), and the sale of any type of food including pre-packaged food".

This definition also includes food vans.

It is important that Council supports local businesses and that a balance is sought to protect local businesses whilst also offering diversity in food options. It is acknowledged that in adding food trucks can improve business and economic development opportunities whilst also activating open spaces.

The Eat Drink Play Program

Food trucks have been governed by Randwick Council via the food trucks activation program *Eat Drink Play* (EDP) since July 2020.

Eat Drink Play operates in two ways:

- Designated food truck sites booked monthly; and
- Invitation-only food truck events held by Council at set times throughout the year.

Compliant food trucks and food vans (any MFVV) can participate outside of the *Eat Drink Play* program, at Council and community events via invitation and subject to any event fees.

Food trucks are not currently permitted to operate in an itinerant manner in the City of Randwick.

Eat Drink Play emerged in the COVID-era and has continued to evolve. The aim of the program was to create an opportunity for the community to safely gather, enjoy takeaway food and recreate in open spaces whilst also supporting small business. The initial program in July 2020 – during lockdown - comprised six invited food trucks with affiliations to the Randwick LGA, to operate at three sites (two at Heffron Park and one at Chifley Park).

Council further endorsed expansions of the program in late 2020, 2021 and in 2022 with food trucks now operating at nine sites, from Thursday to Sundays from 11am to 8pm. Sites were chosen for public and vehicle access, lighting, safety and viable proximity to existing businesses across the LGA with Council approval

An annual *Eat Drink Play* licensing fee was first introduced in June 2021 for trucks participating in the program and has remained in Council's Fees and Charges annually. The program was made permanent in July 2022.

The endorsed EDP sites offered to food trucks on a monthly basis are:

1. Heffron Park, Maroubra
2. Chifley Oval, Chifley
3. Coral Sea Park, Maroubra
4. Cromwell Park, Malabar
5. Pioneers Park, Malabar
6. Kensington Oval, Kensington
7. Nagle Park, Maroubra
8. Latham Park, South Coogee
9. Randwick Environmental Park, Randwick

Currently the only actively used sites include Heffron Park, Pioneers Park and Cromwell Park (the latter up to end 2023 when it was closed for review).

These sites are currently only available to those food trucks that have completed an EOI to join the program and are local to the Randwick LGA. Since late 2023 the EOI to join *Eat Drink Play* has remain closed pending review of the program.

The same six food trucks have been aligned to this program since 2021.

Food Truck events

Each year Council also delivers the *Eat Drink Play* food truck events. These are popular community activations, modest in production and programming and include Easter Event at Pioneers Park in Malabar; 3-4 days of programming music and food trucks; Father's Day at Arthur Byrne or Broadarrow Reserve, Maroubra; and Christmas pop-up events.



Eat Drink Play Easter 2024 – Pioneers Park

Compliance Requirements

All MFVVs (food vans and food trucks) must first receive an annual Permit from Council's Environmental Health Team. Currently the key compliance obligations for food trucks comprises meeting food health requirements governed by Section 68 (68F. Item 7) of the Local Government Act and Food Act 2003 and motor vehicle inspections.

All approved vehicle operators are sent an approval letter with their licence details, conditions of approval as well as the expiry date so they can provide this document when participating in events, similar to providing their proof of insurance/public liability.

It is important to note that the current food truck monthly sites program is exempt from requiring development consent under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2004. For sites located immediately adjacent to a residential zone (which includes all of the EDP sites, hours of operation are limited to between 7am and 10pm) without the need for a Development Consent.

Fees and Charges – Mobile Food Vending Vehicles

Food trucks and food vans (MFVVs) are included in Council's Fees and Charges.

Mobile food vending vehicles require the prior written approval of Council to operate on a public road or on community or public land, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. Applications are required to be made to Council under section 68 of this Act and include full details of the proposed operation and use of the mobile food vending vehicle.

Fees for the assessment of applications and the conducting inspections are determined by Council each year and are detailed in Council's Fees and Charges.

Subject to obtaining prior approval to operate a mobile food vending vehicle, all mobile food vending vehicles must be 'registered' with Council and be inspected by a Council Environmental Health Officer, to ensure compliance with the NSW Food Act, Regulation and food safety standards.

Applications for registration must be in compliance with food safety standards. The costs associated with registration, application and inspection of mobile food vending vehicles are further included in Council's Fees and Charges.

The current Fees and Charges are detailed in the Resourcing Strategy Implications section below.

A review of Council's Food Truck program – consultation and findings

For the purposes of this Report, comparative research and consultation was undertaken with other councils, via an internal forum with key Council stakeholders, and with local businesses and food truck operators.

Comparison with other Councils

Desktop research and phone interviews were conducted with nine Councils in Sydney and Greater Sydney, regarding their approaches to Food Trucks (and Food Vans / Temporary Food Stalls). Each Council has a different model for managing food trucks. Some councils embrace

them as a key economic development / community engagement opportunity, while others place significant limitations for operating in their LGAs.

Several key points emerged from the councils' review:

- Each council has a unique MFVV operating approach based on geography, population and business density
- All councils charged fees; some starting from \$105 per annum. One council reviewed had adopted a multi-year tender for four to five food mobile food vending vehicles only at specific sites, with considerable related fees.
- Of the policies reviewed, many councils have MFVVs operating in an itinerant fashion across their LGA. A smaller number permit food trucks at specific sites. All itinerant models require MFVVs to comply with road rules and parking regulations, and often have restrictions in terms of time allowed when stopping (from one to five hours for food trucks), distances from food-related businesses, and significant exclusion zones.
- Most had implemented versions of a combined Mobile Food Vending Vehicle policy (i.e. combining Food Trucks with Food Vans and excluding Temporary Food Stallholders).

Internal stakeholders

Two internal forums with Council stakeholders with responsibilities for the compliance, risk, operational delivery and engagement of food trucks and food vans in the LGA were held in April 2024 and November 2024. Attendees included staff from Environmental Health, Events, Open Spaces, Rangers, Economic Development and Planning. The forums hosted a discussion on all aspects of the *Eat Drink Play* program and the operation of MFVV in general.

Key findings showed that there are different approaches and resulting challenges to managing MFVVs across Council. The general consensus was that a more formalised and cohesive approach was needed to improve support, management of the programs and accountability.

Food Truck operator feedback

Feedback was sought from Food Truck operators, both in the LGA and in the *Eat Drink Play* program, and also with operators outside of the LGA wishing to operate in Randwick.

Feedback included:

- The most popular sites are beach or sports locations. These include Heffron Park, Cromwell Park (Malabar Beach), and Heffron Park Netball Courts during winter.
- Operators nominated more beach sites; La Perouse, Clovelly and Coogee for Council to consider as suggested new locations. Less popular sites were the Pedal Park at Heffron Park, Pioneers Park carpark, and Barwon Park at Matraville.
- A common issue raised is the perceived inequity between food trucks and food vans in the LGA. Food trucks are only permitted to operate on Council land and car parks via the EDP monthly approvals or at events, whereas food vans appear to have the capacity to operate throughout the LGA without any location exclusions.
- The operators were grateful for Council's ongoing support and opportunities provided, and expressed hope that support and opportunities for food trucks will continue.

Issues and Opportunities

Limited Offering

The same food trucks have been primarily operating within the *Eat Drink Play* program and at Council events since 2021 onwards.

There is an opportunity to now expand the program in the current financial year onwards via the EOI process for new operators both within and outside Randwick's LGA area.

***Eat Drink Play* fixed site locations**

There are issues and opportunities relating to the current endorsed nine sites in the EDP program. The fixed site model was established during COVID to activate open spaces located a distance from Town Centres, and to provide a safe community offering.

Issues include:

- Most of the sites are now barely used or are no longer relevant.
- Proximity to local business can be problematic. Currently sites do not have a specific recommended distance to local business. Sites with a small number of businesses close by are typically more vulnerable to perceived competition from MFVVs than denser business precincts and there is a history of complaints in the LGA received by businesses regarding the nearby trade of mobile food vendor vehicles.
- Outside of an annual EDP fee, food health permit fees and events site fees, there is no monthly site fee for food trucks.

***Eat Drink Play* pop up events**

Eat Drink Play annual events; including Father's Day, Easter and Christmas pop ups are very popular with the community, provide a unique offering and community spirit, and bring together creatives and live music, affordable family-friendly food offerings and activate public spaces.

The current budget for this program is \$18,000 per annum. There is a need to expand the resources and the number of Council-supported events in the annual calendar, with a commensurate budget.

Lack of a cohesive Mobile Food Vendor framework

A combined Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy is now a common process for those NSW councils who allow MFVVs to operate in their LGA. As previously outlined, there is no formal framework for the operation of these vehicles in the Randwick LGA. This causes confusion for food truck operators and for the wider public including the business community.

The discrepancy between the current itinerant operating model of food vans in Randwick and the fixed site operating model of food trucks via the *Eat Drink Play* program is a source of contention amongst food truck operators (perceived inequity) and from local businesses (perceived competition and unfair financial advantages).

To address these challenges, and to provide better direction, a Randwick Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy is required to bring together the compliance and operating models of all Mobile Food Vending Vehicles in our LGA.

Key Recommendations

1. A DRAFT MOBILE FOOD VENDING VEHICLE POLICY (ATTACHED)

A Draft Randwick Mobile Food Vendor Vehicle Policy (the Policy) is attached to this Report for Council's consideration, with a recommendation to put on exhibition for community consultation.

Modelled on other Councils' MFVV's policies and operations, and based on Randwick Council's compliance and operational needs, the Policy provides principles and obligations for all vehicles to operate in the LGA. Policy principles include activating open spaces, safe road use, balancing benefits of providing convenient food options and with need to consider public space, public safety, environmental protection, community wellbeing and fairness and equity.

The Policy includes:

- Inclusion of food health / motor vehicle approvals managed by Council
- Adherence to NSW and Local Road Rules and parking restrictions/timings, and exclusion from operating on state roads,
- Maximum operating time of 7am – 10pm adjacent to residential areas and 7am – 7pm for residential areas to align with the Exemption criteria of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2004

- For itinerant MFVV there will be an exclusion zones of 200m to food-related businesses including cafés, kiosks, restaurants and fixed site food trucks
- For fixed sites there is a minimum of 150m from food-related businesses
- Council officers have the right to revoke permits in case of breach of the Policy.

2. INTRODUCE ITINERANT OPERATIONS FOR FOOD TRUCKS

It is recommended to Council that along with food vans and as governed by the proposed Policy, all Randwick compliant food trucks will now operate in an itinerant manner across the LGA on eligible roads and in car parks, within the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2004 hours of operation limited to between 7am and 10pm (or 7am – 7pm if operating in residential zones).

Larger compliant food trucks will have an exemption to be able to park across up to three car parking spaces, in Council car parks only, depending on public safety and availability.

As above, exclusions will apply as governed by proximity to food businesses, state and council road and parking rules and regulations.

Once a MFVV has applied via the online form and has obtained all the required compliance documentation it will be assessed and the applicant will be provided with an approval letter/permit and will be able to operate in accordance with the approval provided as per the policy.

3. TRIAL VIA EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – 3 FIXED SITES IN THE LGA

Food Truck operators through feedback have indicated a preference to be able to operate at popular locations near some of Randwick's busy beaches.

Whilst the majority of councils reviewed allow itinerant operations, some councils have created EOIs or tenders for popular fixed sites for mobile food vending vehicles for multi-year contracts, with some at significant cost. The high value reflects the projected income for popular locations and also provides an equitable financial parameter based on the rates typically paid by fixed businesses in the same area.

To test this model, it is recommended that Council temporarily trial three fixed locations to make available each to a single operator, via an Expression of Interest. The trial will run for 6 months. This will determine viability for a future multi-year tender model for prime sites across the LGA for a single operator food truck operation.

The Expression of Interest brief would include:

- A trial period to run for 6 months, on a monthly rotation of mobile food vendor vehicles
- Each area is no less than 150m from a food related business
- A fixed fee for each site, that is commensurate to the popular beachside locations
- Three car parking spaces will be reserved, site marked up and parking restriction signage
- Applicants can apply via an online EOI and will be assessed according to the criteria outlined in the policy. All applicants will be advised of the outcome.

The proposed fees for these sites are included in the **Resourcing Strategy Implications** section.

The three sites proposed for the 6-month trial are:

Cromwell Park Car Park (exact spaces to be determined)

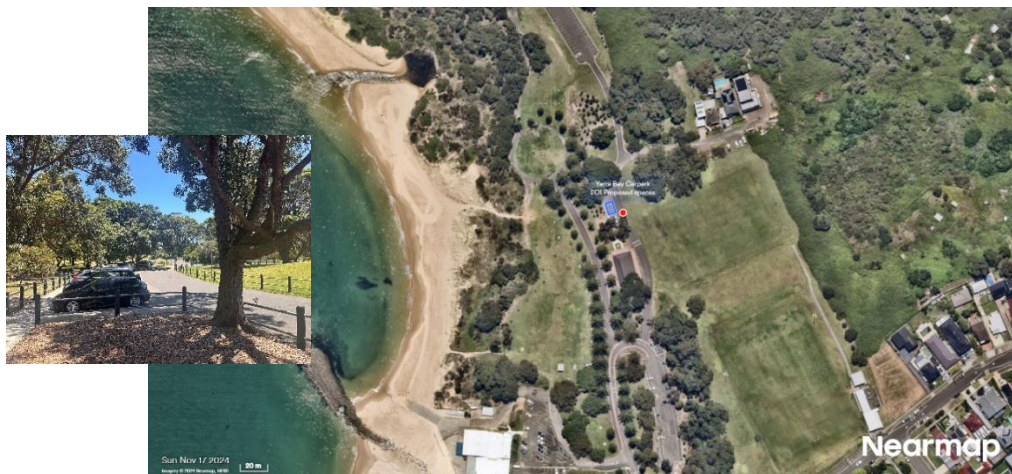


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Clovelly Car Park



Yarra Bay Car Park:



4. EXPAND EAT DRINK PLAY FOOD REGISTERED TRUCKS IN PROGRAM

In order to improve the variety of offerings, it is recommended Council reopen the Expression of Interest Food Truck form on the website and promote inside and outside of the LGA for food trucks to register.

All applicants regardless of location must have Randwick food health compliance. Applicants will be charged any MFVV licence fees as included in Council’s Fees and Charges and must agree to adhere to the Policy.

Council will promote the Expression of Interest for food trucks outside the LGA to other councils via events and economic development networks, to increase the number of operators and diversity of offerings.

5. MORE EAT DRINK PLAY EVENTS AND A COMMESURATE BUDGET

The *Eat Drink Play* food truck events are low production value and highly popular community events. These events provide significant economic opportunities for food truck and food van operators, activating public spaces and contributing to community wellbeing.

The current budget allocated to these events is \$18,000 per annum.

It is recommended that the *Eat Drink Play* events calendar is expanded. Possible dates and locations could include:

- **Christmas period:** Arthur Byrne Reserve, Maroubra
- **Easter:** Pioneers Park, Malabar
- **Halloween:** Kensington Oval, Kensington
- **Other locations and dates to be considered**

Each event requires Council funding around \$10,000 to \$15,000 in terms of production, programming and staffing. Through the annual budget process it will be recommended that an annual budget of \$75,000 in 2025/2026 will be allocated to the Economic Development program to deliver these events in partnership with the MFVV operators.

6. INVESTIGATE A SINGLE SITE, MULTIPLE OPERATOR FOOD TRUCK “MARKET”

It is recommended that Council investigate the feasibility of a suitable site within the LGA to host a monthly food truck ‘market’; allowing multiple *Eat Drink Play* food trucks to operate at set times and a day per month at a single safe and easily accessible location.

A precedent for this concept is a food trucks market space currently operating on McEvoy Street Alexandria, where a coterie of trucks and vans are located for easy access and sharing of space and resources (pictured).



The benefits of a food truck market would be a low cost, one-stop shop for the community to visit several of their favourite food trucks in a known site, facilitating access, and familiarity. An appropriate site would require hard surfacing, adjacent parking and amenity, good lighting, and in an area not in close proximity to other food-based businesses. The use of the site would need to comply with Council’s planning and zoning restrictions.

It is recommended that Council consider the monthly repurposing of the **Duffy’s Corner Car Park** (South Maroubra – corner Anzac Parade and Beauchamp Road) as a monthly food truck market site, operating one day per month from 12pm – 10pm for up to 10 compliant mobile food vendor vehicles at any one time.



This site meets all criteria, has ample adjacent parking, little local business competition, is highly visible, and is an area of the LGA not frequently activated by Council or community. Depending on food truck interest, it is recommended this is commenced once monthly on a Thursday evening at a date in 2025 to be confirmed.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with a 24-hour economy including diverse night time activities and experiences
Objective	Increase night time spending by 7% by 2032 Note: night time is defined as 6pm - 6am
Delivery program commitment	Prepare a program for the operation of food trucks and food vans or markets within suitable locations including requirements for safety, amenity and hours of operation by 2024.
Delivery program commitment	Create partnerships and marketing opportunities for local businesses through events or activations that the City produces particularly night-time dining and entertainment events by 2025.
Delivery program commitment	Identify and promote Randwick’s night time activities and experiences as part of developing the visitor destination and management plan by 2027.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The cost to Council to implement the policy is absorbed within the fees that will be charged for various business units including the Economic Development and Placemaking, Environmental Health, Rangers, Infrastructure Services, Communications and Waste and Cleansing teams.

The resourcing strategy implications include the following fees and income to Council;

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1. Itinerant model

Existing fee in Fees & Charges 2024/2025 <i>Section 68 activities</i>	Mobile Food Vending Approval/Licence fee (annual)	\$1046.45 per approval
Existing fee in Fees & Charges 2024/25 <i>Section 68 activities</i>	Mobile Food Vending Application fee (annual)	\$346.90 per application
Existing fee in Fees & Charges 2024/25 <i>Temporary Food premises, Stall & Vendors</i>	Assessment & registration fee Inspection fee – per half hour, per officer	\$85.00 per half hour

For each MFVV starting new, the cost to trade as part of the itinerant model would be approximately \$1563.35 per year and will be charged pro rata until the beginning of the next financial year and will then be renewed for the full amount.

For existing MFVVs it is recommended that the fees above are charged from the date of the adoption of the final Policy, at a pro rata rate until the beginning of the next financial year, as above.

The 2025/26 fees and charges are likely to be in line with the fees above plus CPI, which will be a financial year approval.

2. Fixed site fees for 6 month trial (December 2024 – May 2025)

New fee and charge	Fixed site fee for all 3 sites December – March	\$3200.00 per month (\$800.00 / week)
New fee and charge	Fixed site fee for all 3 sites April & May	\$2400.00 per month (\$600.00 / week)

3. Eat Drink Play events

An expanded budget for these events will be considered as part of the annual 2025-2026 budget planning process. The cost to MFVV to participate in these events are outlined in the Fees and Charges.

- 4. Fees and Costs for the **Food Truck Market** will be considered as part of the annual 2025/2026 budget review. Income will be rediverted back into the program for promotion and infrastructure.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act and Food Act 2003
 State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2004 (Codes SEPP)
 Randwick Economic Development Strategy (2021)

Conclusion

Food Trucks in Randwick have become a popular low cost and accessible community activation, with some operators having developed large community followings. Trucks operate in the LGA via Council’s Economic Development program *Eat Drink Play*, which provides *EDP* events, invitations to wider Council events, and monthly site approvals across the LGA.

However as the Program is now four years old, and emerged in a very different era during COVID, challenges and opportunities have emerged necessitating a review and redevelopment of the program and of both food trucks and food vans in general.

As such this Report investigates opportunities to refresh the offering by presenting a combined Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy and proposing an itinerant model for both types of vehicles across the LGA.

Further recommendations include inviting new operators from inside and outside the LGA, expanding and better resourcing the *EDP* annual events program and identifying a multi-food truck site as a one-stop 'food truck market'.

Collectively, this Report presents to Council an opportunity to streamline the way Mobile Food Vending Vehicles can operate in our LGA with improved management, accountability, access and more diverse food offerings for our community.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2024/00049

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC33/24

Subject: Community Engagement Strategy

Executive Summary

- Randwick Council's Community Engagement Strategy was developed in 2022 following extensive community engagement over a 12-month period.
- Integrated Planning & Reporting Guidelines from the Office of Local Government requires that councils review their Community Engagement Strategy within three months of a local government election.
- Council staff have undertaken a review of the strategy and suggested changes.
- The changes include removing out-of-date references, adding additional content relating to consultation with First Nations communities, simplifying the community engagement matrix and updating terminology relating to development matters.
- It is presented to Council for review prior to proceeding to public exhibition.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the revised Community Engagement Strategy to be placed on public exhibition.

Attachment/s:

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| 1. Community Engagement Strategy 2024 Update - Marked Changes | Included under separate cover |
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Purpose

NSW councils are required under the Local Government Act to have a Community Engagement Strategy. Randwick Council’s strategy was last adopted by Council in December 2022.

Guidelines from the Office of Local Government require that a council review its Community Engagement Strategy within three months of an election.

Local government elections were held on the 14 September 2024.

Council staff have a conducted a review. This report provides a summary of suggested changes for Council’s consideration prior to proceeding to public exhibition.

Background

Community engagement is an essential part of local government.

Providing communities with meaningful and relevant opportunities to input into Council decision-making processes leads to better outcomes and higher customer satisfaction.

Effective community engagement respects the right for people to have input into matters affecting them and values their knowledge and experiences.

Randwick City Council has been a leader in community engagement for many years.

In 2009, Randwick was one of the first councils in NSW to proactively adopt a consultation principles and a planning guide that prescribed a framework and process to engage with our community.

In 2019, in response to changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Council consolidated its consultation principles guide and development planning notification requirements into a single Community Participation Plan.

In 2021, the NSW Government made amendments to the Local Government Act mandating that all councils must prepare and adopt a Community Engagement Strategy by the end of 2022.

In response, Council undertook significant community engagement in 2021 and 2022 to revise the Community Participation Plan into a new Community Engagement Strategy.

Following the local government elections on 14 September 2024 and inline with Office of Local Government requirements, Council staff have conducted a review of this strategy.

Timeline of Randwick City Council community engagement policies



Development of the 2022 Community Engagement Strategy

Legislative requirements

In 2021, the NSW Government made amendments to the Local Government Act requiring councils to prepare and adopt a Community Engagement Strategy.

Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government required that the strategy identify relevant stakeholder groups within the community and outline when, how and why each group will be able to provide input into council's long-term planning and decision-making.

As a minimum, the Community Engagement Strategy is required to identify relevant stakeholder groups within the community and outline methods that will be used to engage each group.

Councils were also encouraged to integrate community engagement requirements under other legislation or regulations, wherever practical, into the Community Engagement Strategy. (For example, the Community Participation Plan requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.)

The OLG advice also recommended that for best outcomes, community engagement should:

- only occur where there is an opportunity for the community to influence decisions or actions
- provide enough information that participants can make informed decisions, understanding the wider context in which the decisions are being made
- be accessible and make every effort to include hard to reach or vulnerable groups
- contribute to and inform the development and enhancement of council plans and policies as well as the delivery of services and infrastructure assets
- be supported by appropriate, contemporary and accessible engagement tools and platforms
- clearly demonstrate it supports the social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights
- identify how it will 'close the loop' on engagement and provide feedback to participants about outcomes and decisions made.

A 'good', 'better' and 'best' model was developed by the OLG to support councils develop their CES.

Randwick Council is aiming for the 'best' standards approach to community engagement.

Community consultation

Consistent with the OLG guidelines for a best practice Community Engagement Strategy, Council developed a community consultation plan to explore with stakeholders and community members perceptions around community engagement.

Key engagement activities undertaken by Council include:

- Internal interviews with Council staff to understand their needs around community engagement
- Research about community engagement practices by other councils
- An online community survey
- An interactive in person forum with 100 attendees called the Randwick 100 held on 20 August 2022
- A Councillor workshop held on 12 September 2022

Summary of main changes made in 2022 policy

Principles

Updated to be in plain English and also includes social justice principles.

Who we engage with

Council’s community and main stakeholders are clearly identified.

Internal and external committees and reference groups

The variety of ways that Council engages through structured meeting practices is specifically referenced. This included an intention at the time to create references groups to engage with harder to reach community sectors.

Minimum face to face consultation activities

- twice yearly Let’s Chat sessions in each ward
- quarterly reference group meetings
- monthly or bimonthly Precinct Committee Meetings

Minimum consultation periods

All consultation activities required to have a minimum exhibition period of 28 days (4 weeks) or 42 days (6 weeks). DAs remain at 14 days.

Exclusion of holiday period

The holiday period (which is a period of time in which consultations cannot be commenced and is excluded from calculation of exhibition periods) was reduced slightly to 20 December to 10 January to standardise it with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act.

Removal of requirement to publish a notice in a newspaper

Previous requirements to publish written notifications in a newspaper removed to be consistent with changes to the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act.

Notification of tenants about development applications

New requirement introduced to notify tenants in addition to property owners about development applications. This change commenced on 1 July 2023.

These changes have bolstered Council’s approach to community engagement. Between 2022 and 2023 there was an increase in visitation and engagement on Council’s main engagement platform – Your Say Randwick.

YOUR SAY RANDWICK CONSULTATION WEBSITE	2022	2023
Total visits	61,689	100,890
Contributions	3,163	7,979
Registrations	1,285	2,734
Engaged <small>Contributed to a feedback tool</small>	5.1%	7.9%

2024 Community Engagement Strategy review

In accordance with the Office of Local Government requirements, Council staff undertook a review of the Community Engagement Strategy following the 14 September 2024 local government elections.

The updates proposed to the Community Engagement Strategy focus on five main areas:

New content

- Introductory paragraph translated into Mandarin, Greek, Cantonese and Spanish.
- New subsection ‘1.1 Shaping our strategy - community insights’ – content about how our community helped develop the Community Engagement Strategy.
- New subsection ‘4.4 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities’ – content about engaging with these communities and the key stakeholders.

Updated statistics (Section 3: Understanding our community)

- Statistics rationalised and updated to reflect latest Australian Bureau of Statistics data.

Internal and External Committees and Reference Groups (Section 4.2)

- Reference to ‘portfolio committees’ is removed as these groups are no longer functioning.
- Reference to ‘reference groups’ is removed as these groups were not established.
- List of ‘consultative committees’ has been updated to reflect Council’s resolution at its October 2024 council meeting.

Community Engagement Matrix (Section 5.3, Table 1)

Various minor changes are recommended to the matrix to ensure it is easier to understand and follow for council staff implementing the strategy. There are no major changes proposed to the intent of this policy section.

- Project type - rename ‘Council plans and strategies’ to ‘Other Council plans and strategies’.
- Project type - rename ‘Legislated plans and other matters’ to ‘Statutory Plans and other matters’, and move to the top of the matrix.
- Impact - swap the order of higher and lower impact items for ease of understanding and to avoid repeating dot points in the ‘suggested communications’ and ‘suggested engagement activities’ sections.
- Notes and clarifications - add public holidays to timeframes.
- Notes and clarifications - change ‘longer minimum exhibition period’ to ‘specific exhibition period’ - Acts or Regulations may also mandate shorter minimum exhibition periods.

Notification Requirements for Development Matters (Section 5.5, Table 2)

- Updates aligned with NSW Government changes to the Standard Local Environmental Plan Instrument employment zone framework. This framework changed naming conventions from neighbourhood centres, local centres and light industrial to local centres, commercial centres, mixed use industrial zones and general industrial zones.
- Change references to a ‘Senior Council Planning Officer’ to ‘Manager Development Assessment’ to provide clarity on the position with this authority.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Communications
Function	Community engagement
Delivery program commitment	Communicate with our local communities about Council's projects, strategies, goals, events and facilities, and value and make use of their knowledge and experience to make better decisions.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Failure to meet OLG requirements	This risk is addressed by Council discussing the Community Engagement Strategy at its 10 December 2024 Council meeting – which is within the three month requirement.
Limited community engagement to revised strategy	Council conducted an extensive review with considerable community consultation in 2022 when adopting the strategy. This lead to the development of a range of improvements which were adopted by Council. Additional community consultation will take place when the revised strategy is publicly exhibited – likely to be early 2025.
Public concern about impact of strategy	The changes proposed to the strategy are focused on providing additional clarity and updating out of date references. There is no substantial change to the policy intent of the current strategy.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Reviewing the Community Engagement Strategy will not result in any additional resourcing or funding requirements.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Local Government Act 1993
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines from the Office of Local Government
- Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016.

Conclusion

The proposed updates aim to refine Council’s Community Engagement Strategy for clarity, alignment with current practices, and adherence to legislative requirements. The revised CES will continue to support Council’s commitment to effective and inclusive community engagement.

Responsible officer: Amanda Mather, Senior Community Consultation Officer

File Reference: F2022/00271

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC34/24

Subject: Business Sydney Renewal of Membership: 2025 and 2026

Executive Summary

- Business Sydney is a business membership model organization, working with its members to lead positive change by engaging stakeholders, defining critical issues, and collaborating to deliver meaningful solutions for business and community. Many of their objectives align with Council strategies and programming.
- In December 2023, Randwick Council joined Business Sydney as a member and in the successive year, has developed a productive partnership including outcomes such as the Creative Communities Arts/Business workshop in June 2024.
- As a member, Council representatives have been invited to attend meaningful and topical Business Sydney events with other government and business stakeholders.
- There are exciting potential future opportunities between Council and Business Sydney that are being explored, and that will benefit our business sector and the wider community.
- As such this report seeks Council's endorsement renew Business Sydney membership for the next two years, 2025 and 2026, at a total cost of \$24,255.00 inc. GST.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the renewal of membership to Business Sydney for 2025 and 2026, with a budget consideration to be determined as part of the annual budget process for 2025-2026.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of a two-year membership renewal to Business Sydney, at a total cost of **\$24,255.00 inc. GST** (at \$12,127.50 inc. GST per annum).

Discussion

Business Sydney is one of the oldest and most established advocacy organisations for Sydney's business community. Since 1826, they have developed a highly connected membership and network brought together annually through a busy calendar of events, networking opportunities and forums.

Through advocacy and their event calendar they drive policies and outcomes for economic growth, fostering opportunities to invest, work, live and learn in Sydney. Membership to Business Sydney provides access to a network of senior leaders in government, influential business leaders, and key decision-makers from both the private and public sectors and provides opportunities for members to host events and forums in their own LGAs featuring high profile business leaders.

Following an endorsed Report to Council in November 2023, Randwick Council secured a one-year membership to Business Sydney. Since that time, there has been positive outcomes for our business communities including sharing of Business Sydney networking and capacity building opportunities, and access to resources and funding rounds through their communications channels and newsletter.

On 12 June 2024, Council partnered with Business Sydney to co-develop and present a unique workshop at the Randwick Town Hall titled *Creative Communities*, bringing together Randwick's local creative and business communities to network and hear from industry leaders.



The collaborative workshop featured a keynote by Create NSW Chief Executive Annette Pitman, who presented opportunities for creative practitioners and businesses to promote their work, provide an overview of grants and funding opportunities, and highlight successful creative/business partnerships to inspire attendees. It was well attended with over 120 guests, and feedback indicated that more events like these tailored to the needs of our business community would be welcomed.

Workshops focused on developments in the 24-Hour Economy policies and funding and featuring industry leaders, have been identified between Business Sydney and Council as future opportunities.

As indicated by the above outcomes, a continued membership to Business Sydney would facilitate more events, workshops and opportunities for our business sectors that would meet key strategic outcomes as outlined in the Economic Development Strategy.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with a 24-hour economy including diverse night time activities and experiences
Objective	Increase night time spending by 7% by 2032 Note: night time is defined as 6pm - 6am
Delivery program commitment	Create partnerships and marketing opportunities for local businesses through events or activations that the City produces particularly night-time dining and entertainment events by 2025.
Outcome	A city that empowers businesses to start, grow and thrive through a collaborative business culture
Objective	Increase by 20% the number of businesses that are members of a local network, chamber or association by 2032
Delivery program commitment	Facilitate a sustainable and active business network group/s e.g. Chamber/s which act as an advocate for business by 2023 to increase business engagement and provide networking, marketing and training opportunities.

Risks

The primary risk of not continuing with membership to Business Sydney is that our local businesses and business networks will have diminished and accessible exposure to economic and business leaders, and thus less opportunity to remain informed and empowered on key issues affecting the local economy.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The cost of a two-year membership to Business Sydney is **\$24,255.00 including GST**. The annual cost is **\$12,127.50 inc. GST**.

This will be funded through Council’s Subscription annual budget allocation in 2024/2025. The 2026 membership will be considered as part of the budget planning process for 2025/2026 budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Nil.

Conclusion

A further two-year membership renewal to Business Sydney will continue to provide Council with valuable networking and learning opportunities with industry leaders, access to discussions on a number of relevant policies, and ultimately strengthening Council’s visibility and expertise within the business community.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2023/00819

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC35/24

Subject: South East Block Party 2025

Executive Summary



- This report is in response to a resolution of Council (Mayor, Cr D Parker) at the 24 May 2022 meeting, regarding the South East Block Party.
- It was followed by a resolution of Council (Mayor, Cr P Veitch) at the 26 March 2023 Council meeting to allocate an additional \$25 000.00 to the South East Block Party.
- Since 2021, Randwick City Council has partnered with Weave Youth and Community Services and First Nations artist Kobie Dee to deliver the annual South East Block Party as part of Youth Week celebrations. This arrangement was part of a 5 year MOU, ending in 2025.
- The South East Block Party presents the Council opportunity to reach marginalised residents in a culturally safe environment, showcasing the Council's positive role in facilitating events that recognise the culture and achievements of local communities. The 2024 event attracted 5,000 attendees.
- Through Resolution of Council in December 2022, Council entered into a 3-year funding arrangement with Weave Youth and Community Services to contribute \$40,000 per annum in support of the event. This agreement expires in 2025 with a commitment to approach neighbouring Councils to assist with future growth, if proven a successful concept.
- Growing event popularity and rising event production costs require event partners to contribute additional funds. An additional \$25,000 minimum is required to ensure the 2025 event is viable.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the growing success of the South East Block Party as a Youth Week event in reaching marginalised community members who may not otherwise attend a Council event;
- b) note 2025 is the final year of the 3-year agreement with Weave Youth and Community Services for the South East Block Party, and an end-term impact report will be prepared for Council with recommendations for consideration to be put to Council on the future of the concept; and
- c) endorse the additional \$25,000 cash allocation drawn from unallocated Community Partnerships budget to ensure delivery of the 2025 South East Block Party.

Attachment/s:

1.  Weave - South East Block Party - Additional Funding Request 2025
2.  South East Block Party 2024 Impact Snapshot

Purpose

At its Ordinary Meeting held on the 24 May 2022, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council investigate an ongoing partnership agreement with WEAVE Youth and Community Services and bring back a report to consider funding options to financially secure support for the South East Block Party and ensure it has financial security to enable the event to be held as an annual event on an ongoing basis.

At its Ordinary Meeting held on the 22 November 2022, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Said/Pandolfini) that:

- a) Council enters into a funding agreement with Weave Youth and Community Services for the delivery of the South East Block Party annually, for an initial period of 3 years and be subject to a review at that time;
- b) Council contributes \$40,000.00 annually for an initial (3) year period to Weave Youth and Community Services in support of the South East Block Party;
- c) Weave undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to the South East Block Party;
- d) the Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council;
- e) Council approves \$80,000.00 which is currently held in restricted reserves as Community Creative funding be re-allocated to year 1 and 2 (2023-2024) of this agreement;
- f) Council approve year 3 (2025) of this agreement be funded through a new allocation in the Community Development donations budget;
- g) after every event, Council officers bring back an impact report; and
- h) if successful, approach neighbouring Councils to assist with future growth of the concept.

This report recognises the growing success of the South East Block Party as an annual Youth Week event delivered in partnership with Weave Youth and Community Services. This report acknowledges the rising cost of event production and requests Council's endorsement for an additional \$25,000 cash contribution toward the 2025 South East Block Party allocated from the Community Partnerships budget to ensure event viability.

Discussion

Background

Since 2021, Weave Youth and Community Services (Weave), Randwick City Council and local artist Kobie Dee have hosted the annual South East Block Party to celebrate Youth Week.

The annual event is designed in consultation with young people from South East Sydney to showcase local talent, celebrate culture and community, and raise awareness of mental health experiences. The planning phase is a significant community building process that engages and empowers local young people through consultation, co-design and capacity building activities. Stakeholder collaboration is essential to the event being community-led and providing a platform for local emerging First Nations artists.

The event targets local children, young people, their families and Elders with free live performances, food, games and cultural activities.

Each year, the event grows in popularity. From 1,000 attendees in 2001, the event attracted an estimated 5,000 community members in 2024. The 2024 Impact Snapshot report is attached.

The success of the event is marked by the strong participation by community members who would not otherwise typically attend Council events. The event is free, accessible and culturally safe for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members. Kobie Dee, who grew up in the area and linked up to Weave for support, is a role model for many young people living in and around South Maroubra, especially for young First Nations people.

Event Partners

Weave Youth and Community Services supports children, young people, women, families and communities who have been impacted by systemic disadvantage and intergenerational trauma. Weave programs address complex social issues including poverty, poor mental health and social and emotional wellbeing, domestic and family violence, homelessness, family breakdown, racism and discrimination, lack of access to opportunities, relationship issues, high levels of incarceration and alcohol and other drug issues.

Kobie Dee is a Gomeroi man, rapper and master storyteller from Bidjigal Land in Maroubra. As an artist, Kobie is deeply engaged in his community through performance and community work, and his passion for his culture and people is inspiring new generations.

Event Funding

By resolution of Council on 22 November 2022, Council entered into a financial agreement with Weave committing \$40,000 per annum in support of the South East Block Party for an initial 3-year period, expiring in 2025.

In 2023, as per the Council Resolution, \$40,000 was allocated to the event from Community Creative budget held in restricted reserves.

In 2024, as per the Council Resolution, \$40,000 was allocated to the event from Community Donations budget. Citing rising production costs and increased community demand, Weave requested an additional \$25,000 from Council to ensure the successful delivery of the program, including lead-up stakeholder consultation and community capacity building activity. The additional allocation was drawn from operational underspend in the 2023/24 financial year Community Development budget as well as an allocation from the Mayor's Contingency Fund. This allocated funding was supported by the Mayoral Minute (MM9/24) at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 March 2024.

As per the Council Resolution, \$40,000 is budgeted for the 2025 event in the Community Development donations budget.

2025 Funding Request

In planning the 2025 Youth Week event, Weave anticipate continued budget shortfall and is not likely to be able to deliver the event without additional contribution. Weave have tentatively secured philanthropic funds, in-kind and discounted services to address some shortfall, however additional contribution is also requested of Council.

An additional cash contribution of \$40,000 is requested by Weave (totaling \$80,000 requested contribution by Council for the 2025 event), supplied as Attachment A: Weave Funding Request 2025. Consultation with Weave suggests a minimum of \$25,000 additional contribution (total \$65,000 from Council) will ensure the 2025 event is viable.

It is recommended by this report that an additional \$25,000 in 2024/25 is endorsed by Council. As per the attachment, this amount contributes approximately 50% of the overall event production costs and matches the cash contribution by Council last financial year. Weave have indicated that the total of \$65 000.00 will be sufficient for the delivery of the event and will aim to fund the additional \$15 000.00 shortfall via other means.

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:

Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A resilient city where people are engaged, informed, connected and feel a sense of community and belonging
Objective	The percentage of residents who feel a part of their community will remain above the metro benchmark through to 2031
Delivery program commitment	Explore opportunities to increase targeted events for communities feeling socially isolated on a needs basis.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Not proceeding with additional funding	The likely risk in Council not funding the additional \$25,000 is failure to deliver as the event will not proceed without additional cash support. If Council was not to provide the additional funding it is unlikely that Council could deliver the same event targeting young people with a budget of \$40,000 or \$65,000, for Youth Week.
Increasing budgets to deliver the Block Party	Following endorsement and delivery of the event, Council will review the impact report and put forward options for Council's consideration

Resourcing Strategy implications

The current agreement with Weave Youth and Community Services commits Council to \$40,000 cash contribution in the 2024-25 financial year from the Community Development donations budget. The additional \$25,000 requested by Weave is proposed to be sourced from unallocated Community Partnerships budget, which was underspent in the 2024 round.

The community consultation and capacity building activities undertaken by Weave in the planning and production of the South East Block Party ensure the project meets the Community Partnerships funding criteria. This stream of Council's Community Investment Program aims to support not-for-profit, community-based organisations to deliver much-needed programs and services to disadvantaged residents of Randwick Local Government Area.

As an event partner, Council also contributes staff and in-kind resources, including:

- Event personnel from the Community Development team
- Marketing and promotion support from the Communications team
- In-kind park and amenity hire
- Cleansing
- Waste service.

The total recommended contribution from Council to Weave for the 2025 Block Party is \$65,000.

Policy and legislative requirements

Nil.

Conclusion

At its meeting in on 13 December 2022, Council resolved to enter a 3-year financial agreement with Weave Youth and Community Services, committing \$40,000 per annum in support of the South West Block Party as a Youth Week event. Growing event popularity and rising event production costs require an additional \$25,000 contribution last financial year and is requested for the successful delivery of the 2025 event.

This report seeks Council endorsement for the additional \$25,000 cash contribution from unallocated Community Partnerships budget in support of the 2025 South East Block Party. Following the Youth Week activity, an end-term impact report will be prepared for Council with recommendations on Council's role assisting the future growth of the concept.

Responsible officer: Trina Soulos, Manager Community Development

File Reference: F2019/07694

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM98/24

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - E Bikes

Motion:

That Council take action to improve the safety of e-bikes within our community and prepare a report that includes;

a) Investigation of e-bike safety including :

- Policies and procedures for the hiring and use of e-bikes, including mandatory helmet requirements and clear safety guidelines for riders,
- Company responsibilities in ensuring the timely collection of bikes left in disorderly or unsafe locations, with strategies to mitigate risks associated with improperly parked bikes,
- Enforcement protocols to address illegal e-bike use on footpaths, particularly by delivery riders, to reduce risks to pedestrians and enhance community safety.
- Safety of the batteries attached to the e-bikes for hire within our Council area.

b) Development of an e-bike safety campaign to educate the public on responsible e-bike use, especially targeting young riders, including:

- An e-bike code with practical guidelines, such as reducing speed when sharing paths with others and using bells to alert pedestrians.
- Educational resources for schools, parents, and bicycle retailers to promote safe and legal e-bike practices.

c) Write to the NSW Minister for Transport to:

- Review and update road rules concerning e-bikes.
- Initiate a state-wide e-bike safety and education campaign.

d) A call to action for other councils across NSW to implement similar e-bike safety measures, fostering a unified and effective approach to addressing this growing issue.

Background:

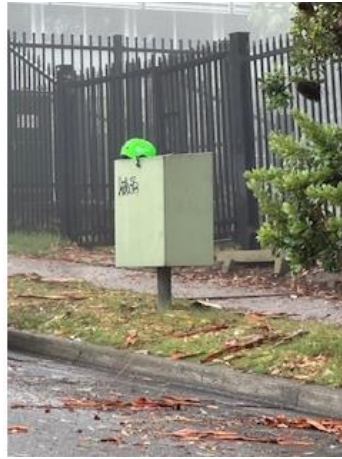
There seems to be an increase in the number e- bikes.

The bikes are being dumped or left strewn in places that are either unsafe or in a disorderly manner creating a risk to our community.

A range of options must be considered to alleviate this eyesore, community risk and environmentally unfriendly issue.

This motion aims to balance the benefits of e-bikes with the need for safety, education, and accountability to protect all members of our community.

NM198/24



Source of funding:

2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Martin, East Ward

File Reference: F2016/00303

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM99/24

**Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Meeks St Plaza Carols Friday
13th December**

Motion:

That Council:

- a) thanks the Events and Economic Development teams for agreeing and helping facilitate the first ever carols at Meeks St Plaza on Friday 13th December, and all the extra work they do in the holiday season; and
- b) promotes the carols at Meeks St Plaza via its social media channels

Background:

The Meeks Street Plaza carols has been organised very quickly and on short notice. The carols themselves are hosted by Holy Trinity Kingsford with some help from the Anglican Chaplaincy at UNSW.

Unfortunately the event missed the cutoff to be included on the printed leaflets, but if we could mention the event on social media it would be greatly appreciated.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/07077

Question with Notice No. QN19/24

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Asgari - Council's current & planned community engagement and communication strategy

Question:

What is Council's current and planned community engagement and communication strategy?

Background:

Council communicates with the community through a variety of methods including digital newsletters and regular post. An example was the use of print, email, flyers, letterboxing and alike for Step Out Speak Out to make it accessible for wider community participation.

However, there seems to be gaps in reaching particular sections of the community. Particularly, people with no internet, low digital literacy, people who speak a language other than English may have limited access to learn about events.

Response from Director Community & Culture:

To be distributed in a supplementary business paper.

Submitted by: Councillor Asgari, East Ward

File Reference: F2022/00271

Notice of Rescission Motion No. NR1/24

Subject: Notice of Rescission Motion submitted by Councillors Hamilton, Martin and Rosenfeld - Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter Project - Outcomes of Stage 2 Community Consultation

That the resolution passed at the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 in relation to Item CS54/24 (Coogee Beach Amenities, Kiosk and Bus Shelter Project - Outcomes of Stage 2 Community Consultation) and reading as follows:

That Council:

- a) endorse a knock-down-rebuild approach for the Coogee Beach amenities building;
- b) request a minor revision to the concept for a new building to incorporate, where practicable, stylistic features from the existing building yet retaining all the other additional features, footprint and functionality;
- c) once in receipt of a revised concept, proceed to planning approval and documentation of the works to tender; and
- d) endorse the funding strategy for the future redevelopment of Coogee Beach amenities.

BE AND IS HEREBY RESCINDED.

If the Rescission Motion is carried, it is intended to move the following motion:

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:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hamilton, North Ward; Councillor Martin, East Ward;
Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: PROJ/10199/2021/4

Notice of Rescission Motion No. NR2/24

Subject: Notice of Rescission Motion submitted by Councillors Hay, Rosenfeld, Hamilton and Burst - Responsible investments within Randwick City Council's Investment Policy

That the resolution passed at the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 in relation to Item NM92/24 (Notice of Motion from Cr Wellington – Responsible investments within Randwick City Council's Investment Policy) and reading as follows:

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”; and
- d) reviews 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.

BE AND IS HEREBY RESCINDED.

If the Rescission Motion is carried, it is intended to move the following motion:

That Randwick Council maintain its current risk profile, maximises our returns and does not jeopardise the liquidity and credit risk of council, aligning to Office of Local Government Guidelines and Ministerial Orders.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward; Councillor Hamilton, North Ward; Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward; Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2016/06527