

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Supplementary
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Tuesday 25 March 2025



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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st floor Town Hall building, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 6:15pm

Question with Notice – Response from Director City Services

QN2/25 Question with Notice from Cr Magner - Update on Urban Forest Policy 1

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GENERAL MANAGER

Question with Notice No. QN2/25

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Magner - Update on Urban Forest Policy

Question:

Could the relevant officer please provide an update on the progress of the draft Urban Forest Policy 2024 following Resolution 300/24 of the October 2024 Council meeting, specifically:

1. When is it expected that the Resilience Committee will meet to consider the updated draft Urban Forest Policy as directed by Council?
2. When might Council reasonably expect a Councillor briefing to be scheduled or conducted to discuss the Resilience Committee's recommendations as specified in the resolution?
3. What is the proposed timeline for reporting the draft Urban Forest Policy back to Council following these consultative processes?
4. Have the two supporting procedures that were identified for development (Procedures for Investigating Tree Vandalism and Procedures for Assessing Tree Root Claims) progressed alongside the policy review?
5. Has preliminary work begun on updating the Register of Significant Trees, and has funding been allocated in the upcoming budget for this purpose?

Response from Director City Services:

1. The Resilience Committee is a new Committee which will address matters previously considered by the former Greening Randwick Committee. The Committee will be administered by City Planning. Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from community members to be on the Committee. The first meeting is scheduled to be held on 30 April 2025.
2. A Councillor briefing on the Urban Forest Policy will be scheduled for May or June 2025 subject to availability in the current briefing agendas.
3. The draft Urban Forest Policy will be reported back to Council after the briefing to endorse placing it on public exhibition. This will be in May or June 2025 depending on the briefing and work arising from any recommendations by the Resilience Committee. Following public exhibition (min 4 weeks), a report will be presented to Council at its September 2025 meeting to endorse the draft Policy.
4. A brief for engagement of a consultant has been drafted for these procedures but has not been issued for a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process. Due to current resourcing, development of these procedures was deferred to allow the Review of Randwick's Development Control Plan (DCP) which includes a part on Preservation of Trees and Vegetation. Please note that the tree preservation provisions (existing and reviewed) are contained in the DCP.
5. A brief for engagement of a consultant to develop a new Register of Significant Trees has been drafted for a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process. For the same reason as the procedures, this project will proceed after the DCP review work is completed.

Submitted by: Councillor Magner, North Ward

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