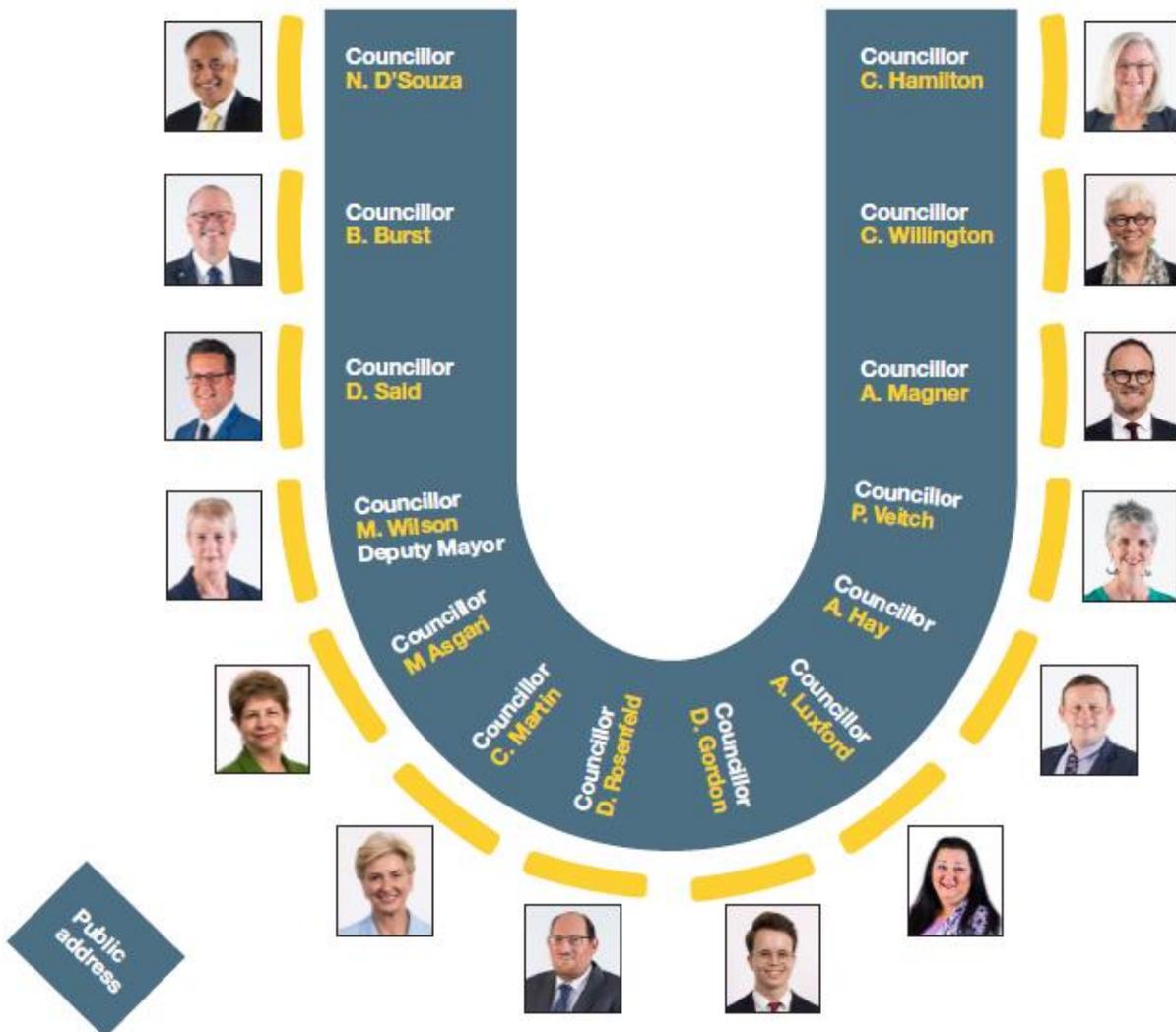


Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 August 2025

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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.
Significant non-pecuniary interests	A Councillor who has a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.
Non-significant non-pecuniary interests	A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st floor Town Hall building, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at 7pm

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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Confidential Director Corporate Services Report

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Mayoral Minute No. MM23/25

Subject: Vale Kyle Leonard, Carole Roussel and Father Chris Riley

Motion:

That Council observes a minute's silence to acknowledge:

- recent Sorry Business in the community and to express its deepest condolences to the family of Kyle Leonard
- the life and passing of the late Carole Roussel, a founding supporter of the La Perouse Museum and longstanding advocate for the French connection to the City of Randwick
- the life and passing of the late Father Chris Riley, founder of Youth Off the Streets

Background:

Kyle Leonard

Kyle Leonard from La Perouse has passed away tragically, at the age of 29.

Kyle has been remembered as a loveable family-first man and a proud father with many commenting on his smile and ability to make anyone feel welcome.

The 29-year-old was a loving partner to Amanda and father to Lamarni, Kohen, Lakarri and Kyle.

He was a valued member of the local community, including playing rugby league in the Souths Juniors competition with the likes of La Perouse, Coogee-Randwick, Alexandria and Matraville.

A funeral service for Kyle was held on Friday 22 August, with over 400 people attending to pay their respects and remember Kyle.

Our condolences go out to all the family, extended family, and community at La Perouse.

Council acknowledges recent Sorry Business and expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Kyle Leonard and community at this time.

Carole Roussel

It is with respect and sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Carole Roussel, who passed away recently on 30 July.

Carole along with her late husband Pierre Roussel, were important figures in the initial establishment of the La Perouse Museum in 1988.

The idea of a museum dedicated to the French explorers at La Perouse came from the French Consul General in 1984, in part as a Bicentennial gift from France. To assist with this, the Lapérouse Association for the Australian Bicentenary was formed with Pierre Roussel as President and his wife Carole as Foundation Member and committee member.

From that time on, Carole was a major force in promoting the museum, building relationships with potential supporters, and working with her husband Pierre as President in together realising this complex project. In 1989, the Laperouse Association became the Friends of Lapérouse Museum of which Carole was a committee member and communications officer.

She and Pierre played a major role in attracting the support of political leaders such as Prime Minister Gough Whitlam for the Museum as it was developed and continued to evolve once open.

Carole continued as a member of the committee of the Friends until 2023 when she retired due to ill health, whereupon she was made Life Member. She was a key knowledge holder in the history of the early formation of the Museum which she most happily shared with Council staff and the wider community.

Carole remained a key advisor to the Friends of Lapérouse committee and held far-reaching contacts in the Australian and French communities including diplomats, institutional leaders and Government, with which she always maintained strong connections.

She was awarded the title Knight of the Order of Merit by the French Government for her longstanding efforts in the formation of the Museum and her continuing role in advocating and supporting its programs and activities. Carole was also recognised by National Parks and Wildlife NSW in 2014 for her voluntary work on the Museum collection.

On behalf of Council, I extend our deepest condolences to Carole's family and honour her legacy and achievements.

Father Chris Riley AM

It is with deep respect and sorrow that we commemorate the life of Father Chris Riley AM, who passed away on 31 July 2025 at the age of 70 following a long illness.

Father Riley was a tireless advocate for disadvantaged and homeless youth. In 1991, he founded Youth Off the Streets, which began as a single food van in Kings Cross. Over the decades, his vision grew into one of Australia's most impactful youth service organisations, supporting thousands of young people through education, housing, mental health services, and more.

Randwick City was fortunate to be part of Father Riley's legacy. In 2013, Youth Off the Streets established a presence at what was then called the Lexington Hub, located at Lexington Place in South Maroubra. Randwick City Council's Hub@Lexo remains an important space for local young people and families, offering a calm, secure, and welcoming environment designed to empower and support residents.

Youth Off the Streets contributed to the Hub's youth-focused programming, including a drop-in space for young people aged 10–18, which provided a safe and social environment with activities such as online gaming, foosball, art, and sports. The organisation also offered early intervention support, housing assistance, and access to mental health professionals, helping young people navigate complex challenges and build brighter futures.

Father Riley also played a key role in the establishment of Bowen College in Maroubra, an independent high school operated by Youth Off the Streets. The college provides alternative education pathways for young people facing barriers to mainstream schooling, continuing Father Riley's mission to empower youth through education and support.

Father Riley's connection to Randwick City extended beyond his charity work. In 2018, he served as the Australia Day Ambassador for Randwick City Council and attended the community celebrations at Council's Prince Henry Centre in Little Bay.

Father Riley's compassion and unwavering belief in the potential of every young person left an indelible mark on our city and our nation. His legacy lives on in the lives he changed and the community spirit he inspired.

On behalf of Randwick City Council, I extend our deepest condolences to Father Riley's family, colleagues, and the Youth Off the Streets community.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2025/06574

Mayoral Minute No. MM24/25

Subject: Financial Assistance and Donations - Aug-Sep 2025

Motion:

That Council:

- a) waive the fees totalling \$200 for a stall at Eco Living Festival to IndigiGrow
- b) waive Des Renford Leisure Centre lane hire fees of \$1,728 for the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club's nippers proficiency swims
- c) waive the application fee of \$1,294 and the fee for conducting promotional activity on a public pedestrian way, valued at \$721, for the 2025 Sydney Marathon
- d) donate an amount of \$2,500 to the upcoming Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) community event at Kensington Park, and waive the food health inspection fee for five temporary food stalls, valued at \$450, for small businesses participating in this free event
- e) donate the amount of \$6,924 to the Coogee Island Challenge to help facilitate this annual community ocean swim event
- f) note the purchase of two tickets to a fundraiser for the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, valued at \$345.35
- g) approve a financial contribution to the value \$750.00 to the Maroubra Bay Public School's upcoming fundraiser, or a comparable in-kind donation that could be auctioned off as a prize at the silent auction
- h) donate the amount of \$1,500 to the Maroubra Saints to cover venue hire and security costs for their upcoming 25th Anniversary and end of season celebration at the Clovelly Surf Club.

Background:

a) IndigiGrow

IndigiGrow is a 100 per cent Aboriginal owned and operated local business, with a native plant nursery that provides employment & training opportunities to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people from the La Perouse and surrounding communities.

Their work includes reviving coastal plant species (Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub - ESBS) as well as native bushfoods. IndigiGrow's main goal is to increase local biodiversity across Sydney through their local native plants. They also educate many young people in early learning centres, schools as well as presenting talks on ESBS to Universities in Sydney. They would like to host a stall at the Eco Living Festival 2025 to sell native plants and share their work with the wider community.

I propose to waive the stall hire fees of \$200 to facilitate the presence of IndigiGrow at the Eco Living Festival.

b) Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club

Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club and its volunteer membership provide an enormous service to the community, helping to keep beach goers safe at the beach during peak-season each year.

Maroubra SLSC's nippers program runs every Sunday morning throughout summer, educating local children about beach safety, and passing on surf knowledge and skills. As part of this program, nippers must undertake proficiency swims, normally held at Maroubra Seals and Community Club, however, reserving lanes is becoming harder due to increasing popularity of the facility.

I propose waiving the Des Renford Leisure Centre lane hire fees of \$1,728 to facilitate the proficiency swims at an alternative pool.

c) 2025 Sydney Marathon

The 2025 Sydney Marathon will be held on Sunday 31 August 2025, from 6:30am. The course route brings the event into the Randwick LGA again this year. The event organiser has proposed an activation, including a medical tent, water station, two accessible portaloos and an ambulance access point at Meeks Street Plaza. The facilities will be set up on Friday 29 August and removed following the event completion on Sunday 31 August.

2025 Council fees relating to this activation include:

1. Application Fee for commercial event 1000 – 3000	\$1,294
2. Conducting a promotional activity on a public pedestrian way	\$ 721
TOTAL	\$2,015

d) Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) – free community event

El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) is a vibrant Mexican tradition celebrated on 1-2 November each year. Families honour their loved ones who have died with joyful altars, marigold flowers, sugar skulls and community gatherings.

A local resident of Mexican heritage is organising a free, family-friendly community event at the Kensington Park Community Centre on Saturday 1 November, featuring workshops, storytelling, music, food and drink.

The project aligns well with the objectives of Council’s Community Investment Program however the organisers were unaware of the program and therefore missed the deadline for applications.

I propose Council donate \$2,500 to support live music at the event and materials for kids’ arts and crafts. In addition, I propose Council waive the food health inspection fees for five temporary food trucks owned by small businesses, to serve food and beverages at the event.

e) Coogee SLSC - Coogee Island Challenge

Coogee SLSC has hosted and managed the Coogee Island Challenge since November 2000, providing water safety, beach management and event coordination.

The event offers three ocean swim distances – an 800m junior dash, a 1km course in the safety of the bay, and the 2.4km main event around Wedding Cake Island. The latter two distances are for swimmers aged 13 years and over.

There is significant community engagement and registration on Goldstein Reserve. All proceeds from the event go towards maintaining vital lifesaving equipment and services on the beach to keep the community safe at Coogee Beach.

I propose Council waive the fees totalling \$7,000 associated with the Coogee Island Challenge.

f) Sydney Dogs and Cats Home

As Sydney own charity pound and community facility, the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home provides vital services to Randwick City residents by offering compassionate care and rehoming for lost, abandoned, and surrendered pets. The organisation also supports residents through subsidised desexing programs, and the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

The organisation’s upcoming fundraiser, Hope Blooms, on 11 September at The Calyx in the Royal Botanic Garden, will help raise funds for the organisation’s new permanent facility in Kurnell,

A councillor expressed interest in attending the event with a guest, to demonstrate Council's support for this important organisation. Note Council purchased two tickets to the fundraiser, valued at \$335.45.

g) Maroubra Bay Public School

Maroubra Bay Public School is a dynamic school with over 310 students and a strong community presence.

The school is hosting a Live Music Night and Silent Auction on 6 September 2025, raising funds to purchase curriculum resources to support students in the classroom. I propose donating \$750 to the school or providing a comparable in-kind donation of a prize to be auctioned.

h) Maroubra Saints

The Maroubra Saints is Sydney's largest junior AFL Club and pioneers in youth girls' football, with at least two teams in every age group. This year the club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary at its end of season party at the Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club on Friday 5 September.

To assist with the cost of the event, I propose donating \$1,500 to cover the venue hire at Clovelly SLSC and to cover the cost of security.

Source of funding:

The financial implications to Council will be funded from the 2025-26 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2025/06574

Director City Planning Report No. CP23/25

Subject: Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 - 1 to 31 July 2025

Executive Summary

- On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government published amendments in relation to the operation and reporting requirements of Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument (including Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012) to commence on 1 November 2023, in which it is no longer necessary to report determined variations to Council on a quarterly basis.
- Notwithstanding, the above, a monthly report providing details of applications subject to a variation of a development standard under clause 4.6 of Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 has been submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting since February 2009.
- This report provides Council with details of Development Applications (DA) that were determined within the period from 1 July through to 31 July 2025 in which a variation to a development standard under Clause 4.6 of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 was approved, in accordance with Council's internal reporting requirements.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report – Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 of Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Attachment/s:

1.  Clause 4.6 Register - July 2025

Purpose

This report provides Council with details of Development Applications (DA) that were determined within the period from 1 July through to 31 July 2025 in which a variation to a development standard under Clause 4.6 of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 was approved.

Discussion

Changes to Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clause 4.6 – Exceptions to Development Standards

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

Details of Variations

A table is attached to the report detailing all Clause 4.6 exceptions approved in the period between 1 July through to 31 July 2025. Further analysis of the largest numerical variation for the period is detailed below. It should be noted that a detailed assessment report is prepared for each DA with a Clause 4.6 exception and is publicly available through Council's website.

July 2025

Four (4) Clause 4.6 variations were approved in the July period (being 1 July through to 31 July 2025), with three (3) applications determined by the Randwick Local Planning Panel (RLPP) due to variations greater than 10% and one (1) application determined under delegated authority (less than 10% variation).

Of the variations approved, the greatest extent of variation related to DA/356/2025 at 238-246 Arden Street, Coogee, in which a 180% variation to the Height of Buildings development standard was approved. The RLPP supported the variation to the Building Height standard for the following reasons:

- The application sought consent for the installation of five (5) business identification signs and five (5) wayfinding signs to the existing building at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Coogee. The signage is associated with the rebranding of the existing Crowne Plaza to Intercontinental.
- The site is subject to a maximum building height of 12m. However, the existing building comprises a nine (9) storey hotel and therefore currently exceeds the maximum building height permitted, with an existing building height in excess of 34m.
- Of the ten (10) signs proposed, two (2) of the signs are located above the 12m height limit and sought a variation to the building height development standard, with all other signs compliant with the standard. The proposed signage on the northern elevation was a maximum height of 33.56m, and the western elevation signage a height of 23.33m.
- The proposed signage is located on the façade of the existing building, sited below the maximum height of the building, and there shall be no increase to the overall building height as a result of the proposed signage.
- The detailed assessment demonstrated that the resultant development would not result in any unreasonable impacts upon the amenity of adjoining and surrounding properties with regards to visual bulk, privacy, view loss and overshadowing. The proposal was also found to be consistent with the E1 zone in that the signage shall support the continued commercial use of the site.
- In view of the above, the proposal was found to be consistent with the objectives of the building height standard and the E1 Local Centre zone, and it was considered that the site-specific circumstances (with particular regards to the existing building height) warranted the variation in this instance.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Housing
Outcome	A city with sustainable housing growth
Objective	Provide 4,300 new dwellings in 2021–2026, with 40% located in and around town centres.
Delivery program commitment	Ensure high level and continuous improvement of development assessment services to our community.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

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

Responsible officer: Angela Manahan, Executive Planner

File Reference: F2008/00122

CP23/25

CLAUSE 4.6 REGISTER – JULY 2025														
DA number	Street No.	Street name	Suburb/Town	Postcode	Category of development	Zoning of land	Development standard to be varied	Justification of variation	Extent of variation	Concurring authority	Date DA determined dd/mm/yyyy	Approved by	Submissions	
													Objection	Support
DA/356/2025	238-246	Arden Street	Coogee	2034	14: Other	E1 - Local Centre	Clause 4.3 Building Height = 12m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	Height = 180% & 94.4% or 33.56m & 23.33m (Existing Building Height = >33.56m)	DPHI	10/07/2025	RLPP	0	0
DA/131/2025	69A	St Pauls Street	Randwick	2031	2: Residential - Single new dwelling	R3 – Medium Density Residential	Cl 53(2)(a) of Housing SEPP – Site Area = 450m²	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	Site Area = 395.8m² or 12% (54.2m²)	DPHI	10/07/2025	RLPP	5	0
DA/331/2025	21	Baden Street	Coogee	2034	4: Residential - New multi unit < 20 dwellings	R3 – Medium Density Residential	Clause 4.3 Building Height = 12m Clause 4.4 FSR = 0.9:1 Cl 148(2)(c) of Housing SEPP - Ceiling Height = 2.7m	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	Height = 14.78m or 23.16% FSR = 1.28:1 or 42.85% Ceiling Height = 2.2m or 18.5%	DPHI	10/07/2025	RLPP	11	0
DA/368/2025	49	Ritchard Avenue	Coogee	2034	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R2 – Low Density Residential	Clause 4.4A FSR = 0.65:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	FSR = 0.68:1 or 4.72%	DPHI	15/07/2025	DEL	1	0

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Director City Services Report No. CS41/25

Subject: Burrows Park Masterplan - Community Consultation Outcomes

Executive Summary

- In November 2024, Council endorsed the proposed Burrows Park Masterplan to proceed to community consultation (Cr Hamilton / Cr Burst). The Masterplan proposed delivery of the project in two stages: a new amenities building in Stage One, and the upgrade and reconfiguration of the sports field as a future Stage Two project.
- Community Consultation on the Burrows Park Masterplan was held on 12 February 2025 to 12 March 2025. This resulted in:
 - 1410 visitors to Your Say Randwick website
 - 49 survey submissions received
 - 8 email submissions received
- Of the 49 survey submissions on the Masterplan:
 - 36 were supportive,
 - 7 were neutral and
 - 6 were unsupportive
- The full Community Consultation report, including all comments and submissions, is found in Attachment 1.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorses the Burrows Park Masterplan and its development in two stages: Stage One - new amenities building, and Stage Two – sports field upgrade and reconfiguration.
- b) endorses Stage One of development to proceed to concept plan.
- c) notes the proposed concept plan for the Burrows Park Stage 1 amenities, along with associated project cost and funding strategy, will be reported back to Council for consideration.

Attachment/s:

1.  Burrows Park Masterplan - Community Consultation Report

Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 November 2024, it was resolved:

(Cr Hamilton / Cr Burst) that:

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

This report responds to this resolution, informing Council of the community consultation for the Burrows Park Masterplan. It outlines the consultation activities and outcomes as well as recommending next steps for the project.

Discussion

Burrows Park Masterplan

Project Background

Burrows Park is located at 13-33R Ocean Street Clovelly, on Crown Land first dedicated as a public reserve in 1895.

It is a much-loved open space recreational venue in a spectacular cliff-top location on the Clovelly coastline. The existing sports field is smaller than a standard rugby league field and has been identified by some of the sporting clubs as being unsuitable for older players. The existing amenities building is in poor condition and does not meet current building standards.

Council officers developed a masterplan for Burrows Park, which was reported to Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 November 2024. The masterplan proposed the development of the park over two stages, with a new amenities building as priority in Stage One, and the sports field reconfiguration and upgrade to follow as a future Stage Two project.



Figure 1: An aerial view of Burrows Park. The existing amenities building is seen to the east of the sports field.

Previous Council resolutions

Community consultation was held in May 2023 to explore community support for undertaking design work to determine the feasibility, cost and impact of extending the sports field, and to upgrade the amenities building at Burrows Park.

At that time, of the 473 survey respondents, most were supportive of undertaking the design work to upgrade the amenities building. Community support for undertaking design work to determine the feasibility, cost and impact of extending the sports field was very evenly split.

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 November 2023, it was resolved:

(Cr Neilson / Cr Hamilton) that:

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

In response to the 28 November 2023 resolution, Council officers proceeded to develop a masterplan for Burrows Park. At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 November 2024, it was resolved:

(Cr Hamilton / Cr Burst) that:

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

Community Consultation Activities

Community Consultation for the Burrows Park Masterplan was held on 12 February 2025 to 12 March 2025. The community engagement activities and outcomes are outlined in **Attachment 1: Community Consultation Report – Burrows Park Clovelly Masterplan**.

The community consultation found that:

- 1410 visitors to Your Say Randwick website,
- 49 survey submissions received, and
- 8 email submissions received.

Of the 49 survey respondents:

- 36 were supportive,
- 7 were neutral, and
- 6 were unsupportive regarding the proposed masterplan.

Most respondents were satisfied with both the proposed amenities location and sports field enhancements.

- Overall, respondents supported the amenities upgrade, though some were concerned about the cost.
- The sports field enhancements are generally seen as beneficial for sports participation. However, some respondents questioned the necessity of expanding the field and raised concerns about parking, loss of space, and community access.
- Neutral respondents primarily sought clarification on specific aspects of the project.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 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	Upgrade facilities in open spaces, prioritising high use destinations increase amenity and cater for increased demand.
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Risks

If endorsed to proceed, a concept design for the proposed amenities building will be developed for Stage One of the Burrows Park Masterplan. The concept and project cost will be reported to Council for consideration.

The amenities building is on a sensitive coastal location, and risks will be given due consideration:

Risk	Mitigation
Impact to existing fauna, flora and remnant bushland	Clearance from the sensitive flora and remnant bushland to the building footprint will be maintained. Specialist consultants such as Ecologist, Flood Engineer, Lighting Engineer, and Landscape Architect have been engaged for the project. The proposed amenities building is positioned to block the sports field artificial light which will be advantageous to nocturnal ground dwelling fauna.
Impact to the view from local residential areas	Consideration will be given to sightlines, height of building in comparison with nearby vegetation, colour and material selection to blend with its environment.
Funding is not sufficient to execute the proposed amenities building	A Quantity Surveyor has been engaged for the project to inform projected costs and provide updated estimates as the project develops.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The cost estimate for the proposed Stage One Amenities Building is \$4,334,000 (rounded to the funding budget figure of **\$4,400,000**) as reported to November 2024 Council meeting. This cost includes contingencies, authorities’ fees and estimated escalation to February 2027.

There is currently **\$1,050,000** allocated towards Burrows Park in Randwick City Council’s Capital Works program to enable planning and documentation of the project to proceed. Additional funding will be allocated progressively towards the project in the 2025 - 2027 financial years.

A concept design for the proposed Stage One Amenities Building will be reported to Council, with community consultation to follow. Feedback from the community will be considered in the finalisation of the building design for planning approval. Detailed documentation for tender is anticipated to be completed in 2026/27.

Policy and legislative requirements

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

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

- Relevant SEPPs
- Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
- Relevant DCPs
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

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- Randwick City – Draft Plan of Management – For Community Land- Council Owned and crown Reserves
- Randwick City Council Beach and Coastal Reserves Generic Plan of Management
- Coogee Bay Flood Study

Conclusion

The community consultation indicated that the Burrows Park Masterplan is supported by most participants. Further, the relatively small number of survey participants (49) in contrast with the high number of visitors to the website (1410) suggests the community is generally comfortable with the masterplan proposal.

Prioritising a new Amenities Building in Stage One of the masterplan implementation will realise an immediate improvement for sporting groups using the Burrows Park as well as for the many recreational visitors to the site. With input of specialist consultants, careful consideration will be given to its sensitive coastal natural environment and visual setting.

Following general support of the proposed Burrows Park Masterplan as indicated in the community consultation outcomes, it is recommended that Council now endorse Stage One amenities building to proceed to concept planning.

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1. Summary

Randwick Council has developed a masterplan to upgrade the amenities and expand the sports field at Burrows Park in Clovelly. The masterplan, informed by extensive community consultation, presents three options, with the preferred option designed to balance the needs of both local residents and sports groups.

This report presents community feedback on the masterplan.

Key findings:

A total of 49 survey responses were received, along with eight email submissions to Council. Most respondents are satisfied with both the proposed amenities location and sports field enhancements.

- Overall, respondents support the amenities upgrade, though some are concerned about the cost.
- The sports field enhancements are generally seen as beneficial for sports participation. However, some respondents question the necessity of expanding the field and raise concerns about parking, loss of space, and community access.
- Neutral respondents primarily sought clarification on specific aspects of the project.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

Randwick Council has developed a masterplan to upgrade the amenities and expand the sports field at Burrows Park in Clovelly.

The masterplan has been informed by extensive community consultation and presents three options. The preferred option proposes to:

- Replace the current run-down amenities building with a modern facility on a similar footprint, designed to minimise impact on the natural environment and maintain views.
- Slightly expand the existing sports field to better support our local rugby league and rugby union junior teams.
- Protect the native flora and fauna, including the remnant Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS).
- Retain the off-leash dog area for local pets and their owners.

2.2. Objectives

The consultation aimed to:

- Communicate the details of the proposed masterplan, including its stages, environmental considerations, and expected outcomes.
- Provide opportunities for the community and stakeholders to provide input.
- Work with sporting clubs, residents, and park users to address concerns and refine the masterplan.

Consultation Level: Higher-level local area impact.

IAP2 Consultation level: Involve - we will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

Consultation period

The consultation was open for 4 weeks from 12 February to 12 March 2025.

2.3. Consultation activities

- Dedicated website: Your Say Randwick webpage.
- Letterbox drop: A5 flyer sent to residents surrounding Burrows Park
- Signage: A2 posters around the park
- In-person: Drop-in session at Burrows Park, Sat 1 March 2025 10am to 12pm
- Email campaigns: Sent to Your Say subscribers, key stakeholders, and Randwick City Precincts.
- Weekly eNews: Featured in Randwick News during the consultation period
- Social media: Facebook and Instagram posts
- Digital Displays: Information at libraries, the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and the Customer Service Centre
- Randwick Council Website: Listed on Current Consultations webpage
- Councillor Notification: Local councillors were informed

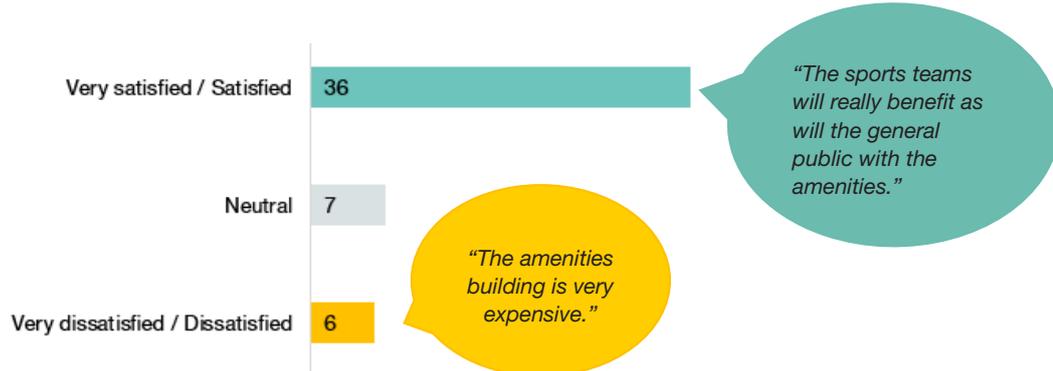
3. Consultation outcomes

- Website visits: 1410
- Survey submissions: 49
- Submissions: 8

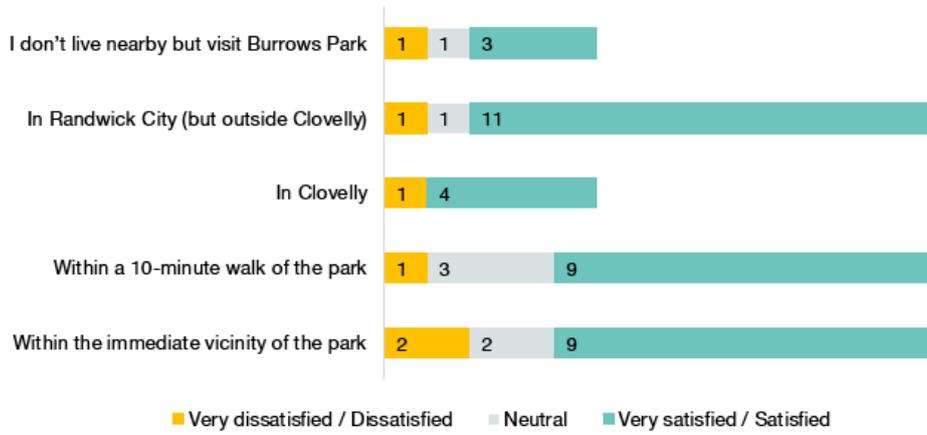
3.1. Survey results

3.1.1. Amenities location

Most survey respondents are satisfied with the masterplan’s preferred option to locate the amenities on a similar footprint to the current building.



Graph 1: Satisfaction with the proposed amenities location at Burrows Park (n=49)

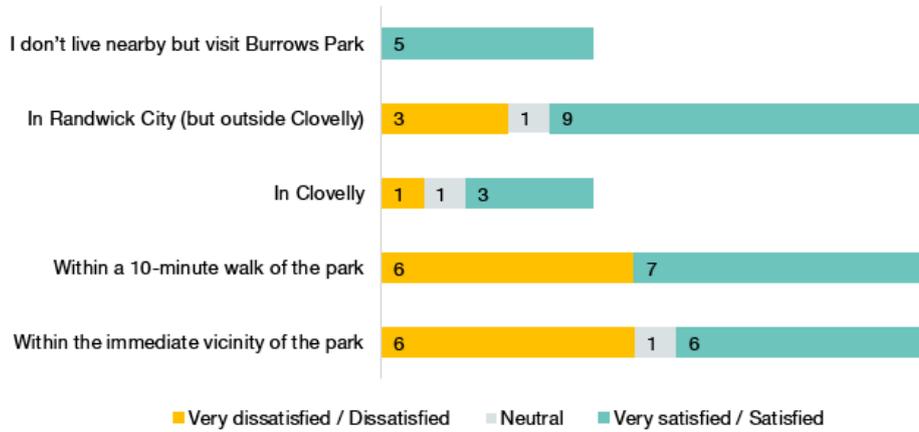


Graph 2: Satisfaction with the proposed amenities location, based respondents on proximity to Burrows Park (n=49)

3.1.2. Sports field enhancements

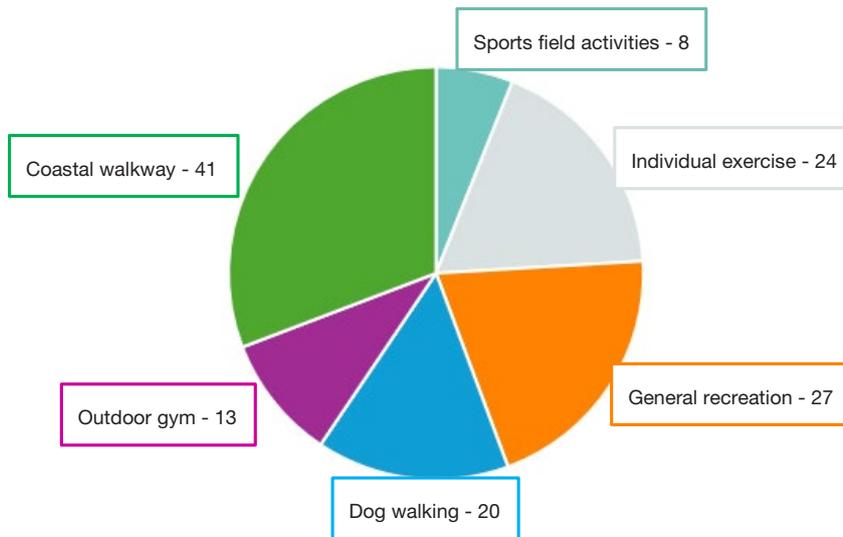


Graph 3: Satisfaction with proposed sports field enhancements at Burrows Park (n=49)



Graph 4: Satisfaction with proposed sports field enhancements, grouped by residential proximity to Burrows Park (n=49)

3.1.3. How respondents use Burrows Park



Graph 5: How do you typically use Burrows Park? (select all that apply) (n=133 responses from 49 survey respondents)

3.2. All comments and submissions

During the consultation period, Council received 41 comments from the 49 survey respondents via Your Say Randwick and eight submissions via email.

Of the eight submissions received, five are supportive of the masterplan and three are not.

- Overall, respondents support the amenities upgrade, though some are concerned about the cost.
- The sports field enhancements are generally seen as beneficial for sports participation. However, some respondents question the necessity of expanding the field and raise concerns about parking, loss of space, and community access.
- Neutral respondents primarily sought clarification on specific aspects of the project.

All comments and submissions are included in the table below.

	Comments / submission
1	There is no justification for enlarging the size of the field for junior players. Enlarging the field will make it unsafe for players and spectators. It radically reduces the space for spectators and players who may overrun the sidelines during the game. It also encroaches on the limited natural formation of the sloping areas on each side of the field. There are playing of other fields that older juniors can use. What about accessing the very large sports fields in some of the public schools in the area for example Randwick Boys High School.
2	This looks like a good solution for everyone.
3	Over \$3m for a couple of meters more use? I also want to flag that the sports fields should be more accessible for other sports (multi-purpose) as opposed to being singled out for Rugby union and league solely (or conveyed as such) given this is prime community land on the coast
4	Please try to prevent dogs going down towards unsafe areas on the right next to off leash dog park. My dog rolled in slimey mud and it was a real operation to get him hosed to get into car then to find a DIY dog wash that was open. Since this experience (second time), sadly, I avoid this beautiful walk and dog park.
5	I would like to see more seating for both ends of the field for spectators to watch and maybe some with shelter to protect against the elements - is there anywhere for a carpark?
6	My sons play rugby there and it's always been a pleasure! Happy to see improvements. My only feedback would be to add parking or a drop off / pick up area during the rugby season as it can be busy at training times and I don't want to block buses or local residents. Public transport is not great to/ from maroubra either so can't really let them come back home alone.
7	Clovelly does not have the parking or infrastructure in place to be able to support full size rugby field which would entail more games being played there. The parking is already limited on the weekends with the current amount of games being played there, having more age groups play there and more games means less parking, I already have random people regularly park in my car spot. The changing of the locations of the light will be an eye sore and disturbing to residents who's bedrooms face the park, with the bigger field and midweek training,

	Comments / submission
	<p>its likely that these lights will be on later at night as more teams are looking to train there. Noise pollution is also a real factor to be considered, again with the bigger field and more teams training there means the noise from training will disturb the residences that are close to the field. I am right opposite the field and even just the coaches talking to their players is an audible disturbance, if these training session now go later into the evening with older teams training there this will be an even bigger disturbance. The field moving closer to Ocean Street also brings this noise pollution closer to home.</p> <p>There is no real need at all for this field to be increased, the amenities need an upgrade yes but there's no need to increase the field size, you are disrupting the permanent livelihoods of many to appease a small amount of people.</p>
8	Proposed lights are in a terrible place, impeding views of properties
9	If more games get played at Burrows where is everyone going to park. Buses struggle to get up and down the street now.
10	I am very pleased that there will be much-needed improvements to the playing field and amenities building. I would like to know if the new amenities block and playing field to considered a new name. There is a history documented by the Clovelly Crocs historian who has identified the individuals of the Clovelly Surf and Rugby League club who tirelessly donated their efforts to creating the original playing field and amenities block in the early 1950s, They are the late Kieth Goodsell, Graham (Butch) Bottomley and Harry McKewon.
11	I think it is well overdue. Look at Waverley Oval and Coogee Oval. Burrows deserves the same. It is an amazing location, and the sports teams will really benefit as will the general public with the amenities.
12	This is a long overdue upgrade and I am really excited to see the plans become a reality.
13	this has being going on for sometime and the people have said no to the expansion but obviously you are not listening to the community and would like to implement what you would like here. Listen to the people and from the beginning and stop ignoring them and take their feedback into consideration and not keep pushing what could destroy the area to the locals by turning it to a commercial parkland to create revenue for the council.
14	I request some of the budget be allocated to maintenance of the dog park area surface as this is largely neglected. The turf and surface level needs ongoing care. This space is used by many owners and dogs from early morning to late at night.
15	great to see improvements to this community facility. It is not owned by neighbours. They have always lived next to a sporting/ recreational facility and should not be given any greater consideration than the rest of the community.
16	Will become a playing field for professional games and be a loss to the local community who will be locked out too often. Also too much native fauna will be damaged including the very rare and important ESBS which is very delicate and easily destroyed

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17	<p>It's obvious that it's too late for changes. However I think it is such a missed opportunity to be creative and think towards the future of the area. Only in Australia would such an amazing spot with views to Bondi and maroubra, be turned into a sports field. It's absolutely the dumbest and childish thing to have dreamed up. The only other worse thing I could think of would have to turn it into a car park. Is this really the best option the people with all this education and global experience could come up with?</p> <p>There are football fields at Heffron park, Waverley and Queens park - but instead some of the most valuable space in Sydney in terms of potential is turned in to a sports field - it really is a very silly decision. But like I said, I know it's going ahead anyway so my comment aren't useful at this stage.</p>
18	<p>Dog Park great for community but Every day dogs are on promenade and in bay. You need more signs.</p>
19	<p>1. It's unclear from the diagram of the field exactly where the northern end of the playing field will be in relation to the current sandstone block retaining wall for the 'track' from Ocean St to the gymnasium. Since my house in Ocean St is already subject to noise from both training and playing, what sound mitigation measures are being considered?</p> <p>2. The new position for the northwest light pole is now immediately in front of my house. Why is there a need to move the current poles? The light they currently provide is more than adequate for the proposed extended field!</p>
20	<p>As a former Clovelly Junior Rugby Union player in the 1970s, and now a wheelchair user, I would like the Council to take a fresh look at the overall concept as if it was developing the area for the very first time. I believe a better design would be to move the entire field towards the east (if the land east of the field can accommodate it) and place the amenities building on the Ocean Street side to provide easier access for everybody, particularly who use wheelchairs or those with ambulant disabilities who have trouble walking long distances. The amenities building must include a unisex wheelchair accessible toilet facility, and if there is adequate room to include the ability for a left-hand and right-hand transfer onto the toilet seat in the unisex toilet with appropriate grab rails/handrails on both sides of the toilet bowl.</p> <p>I would also like to suggest the use of solar powered lights for the amenities building, as well as some park lighting (separate to the sports field lighting) for when people go for a walk along the coastline or the people who wish to exercise e.g. walk, run, aerobics et cetera.</p> <p>There should also be a wheelchair accessible bubbler/drinking fountain, and possibly include a water bowl with water tap for pets (dogs).</p> <p>The inclusion of appropriately designed and located bench seating for people to rest or to take in the water views. However, if the amenities building is going to be remaining in this current location then maybe there needs to be some appropriately located seating between Ocean Street and the amenities building for people with ambulant disabilities to have trouble walking long distances.</p> <p>I would also like to suggest the inclusion of a plaque with some historical information such as why it is called Burrows Park, when the park was initially opened, who</p>

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	opened it, and maybe some historical facts about Clovelly, including when the Clovelly Pool was designed and installed.
21	<p>Why does football uses receive preferential treatment including lighting to interfere with rare natural bushland; the proximity to Ocean Street looks 'very squeezey'. Why does the new amenities block need additional areas which appear to be taken up by 'info room'? what is that? Why can't the ref changeroom be included in 'changerooms'. I am trusting there will be facilities for both men and women?</p> <p>In reference to the questions below, although I do not presently live nearby to Burrows Park, I spent 20+ years living opposite it on Ocean St so I am well aware of uses, the layout, the land etc.</p>
22	<p>The proposed field is far too large and distracts from the beautiful natural headland. Parking is already an issue at Bronte/Clovelly and this will exacerbate this area. We love using the doggy park, with our little children and small dog however balls flying into the doggy park will make park users feel unsafe.</p> <p>The QR code on the form doesn't work and even if you manage to find the feedback page, it is only open to registered page users. This restricts community opportunity to give feedback.</p>
23	<p>1) We need separate change rooms for men & women - There is a huge growth in Women's participation, excluding a separate women's change room will be negative to the growth of local sports</p> <p>2) Can you include some covered areas for spectators, the fields are heavily used in winter for rugby and league tag, some "sheltered" areas with setting would be great.</p> <p>3) Include some sponsor signage on a large format score board to create an opportunity to increase club revenue / offset some of the ground costs.</p> <p>4) Location 8 / dog park is used as a warmup area pre match can this also have some light landscaping and flattening to stop further injuries. Can a section be included for sport field use?</p> <p>Thanks you</p>
24	Not needed, too expensive, using a large amount rate payers money for a small benefit to the community
25	Fantastic upgrade to facilities and fields. The sooner the better for both.
26	I am hopeful that the field works which are costing a lot of money (and only delivering 2 extra games a week) will enhance the playing surface and the beauty of the field and verge ie Irrigation and will not hugely impact the important wildlife area to the south of Burrows Park near the dog park. I am also keen to understand what the new lighting will do- for eg. it says it will be sensitive to playing times? Does that mean if games are on, it will remain operating beyond the current 9.30pm cut off?
27	The amenities building is very expensive.
28	I believe the 'preferred' option is satisfactory to many of the concerns that have been raised.
29	<p>The terracing and levelling are wonderful ideas.</p> <p>Burnie Park needs a similar level of work, terracing, drainage, landscaping to stop the rush of water. Can you help?</p>

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30	Please keep the dog park as large as possible and please do not disturb the corridor of bush along the coast.
31	<p>While this option appears to be the least worst, I remain opposed to the extension of the field. The area is already struggling to manage the volume of visitors on the weekends. The congestion on Eastbourne Ave is a major concern - both the additional sporting visitors and the construction aspect. It is not an appropriate location for an extended rugby field. Keep the field the same size and for everyone's use, not just a few sports clubs.</p> <p>A renovated, modest amenities block is supported for people visiting the area and needing to use accessible and safe facilities.</p> <p>I am concerned by the lack of detail in the plan regarding the amenities block and the field use times and lighting. I am concerned by the cost of the project. I am concerned that the traffic implications have not been thought through.</p>
32	It is important that Council does not disturb the remnant bushland or the animals that nest in there. Thank you for considering preserving this beautiful coastal marine park as a priority.
33	There is an opportunity to recognise Rugby League immortal Dave Brown by naming the sportsfield within burrows park as Dave Brown field. Dave Browns gravesite is a short walk away in waverly cemetery. Dave Brown is known as the Bradman of Rugby League and contributed greatly to the sport in the local area.
34	I am just that the document presented identifies enlargement of the field to the west and north but no mention is made of the 4.5m extension to the south and 6 metres to the east making the proposed field international size for senior rugby league matches!
35	I think extending the sportsfield toward Clovelly beach is wrong. That area is a nice spot to observe the beach/walk dogs. I dont mind extending the sportsfield toward the bowls club.
36	<p>On 25 July 2023, our son...* was asked to present to Randwick Council about the need for basketball facilities in Clovelly. The Council voted unanimously for the inclusion of a basketball court at Burrows Park. As part of this process...* met with Councilor Christie Hamilton and Todd Clarke, and they agreed that it was possible to include a basketball court in the Burrows Park Redevelopment. They also noted that Burrows Park is designated as a multi-sport area and that the inclusion of a basketball court would achieve this and allow Burrows Park to appeal to a broader part of the community.</p> <p>Based on the current plan, a half-court basketball court could be installed at either the north or south of the new amenities block.</p> <p>Basketball courts are valuable spaces especially for young and teenage children as they promote being active, keep them off screens / devices, and create a social space for them in our community.</p> <p><i>*This submission has been edited by Council staff</i></p>
37	Option C - no barbeques or function room

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38	<p>Would be great if temporary toilets were available during the rebuild. Substantial verandas would be preferable too. I also believe that the present playing fields are quite adequate, minimal earth work would be my recommendation.</p>
39	<p>I would like minimal earth works, temporary toilets while construction is underway and Verandahs similar to now offering good shade</p>
40	<p>I would like the Burrows Park Masterplan to have the minimum earth works, alternate loos when the block is being rebuilt, and also the new amenity building to have verandas.</p>
41	<p>I feel the cost is quite high given the minimal work and taking into consideration the cost of the assessment. However, very relieved that the original overlarge concept did not happen - and it should not as it was pandering to vested interests who are not the ratepayers as we are. I think the process to get where we are now could have been far better handled.</p> <p>The cost for the new amenities block also seems incredibly high, so I hope we are getting something very special for this amount and which is environmentally looking to the future. Additionally, that the undercover verandah retains at least its current space to allow for other's usage of it. Frequently there are people doing yoga & other exercise, and it is a reprieve from wet weather to sit here. So, it should be a pleasant space for others to enjoy.</p> <p>Finally, the most disturbing thing about this whole process has been the focus on rugby (shared by others) - and which almost felt like the big rugby clubs 'owned it'. It's not owned by the big rugby clubs and is used more widely than just for that sport - by runners etc. And in fact, given the growing interest in football, it's a shame the pitch is not more flexible to allow for other sports to be played on it.</p>
Sub 1	<p>I think that is no problem As long as off dog leash park is not affected as it's an amazing part of our little piece of Clovelly.</p>
Sub 2	<p>As a local who walks Burrows Park on a daily basis and as a retired architect I have watched with interest the process that has been underway to get consensus on upgrading the playing field and associated amenities building. I have read the masterplan and commend both council's process and the current state of play.</p> <p>From the document the new facility building while located over the current footprint looks to be indeed larger, as it extends somewhat north and east. In itself this is not a bad thing, since the original was constructed, legislation surrounding Access coupled with community expectations and demands of such facilities have accordingly increased.</p> <p>I believe it would be useful for the public especially for the 1st March 2025 Drop-in Session to place star pickets with **yellow safety caps into the likely extents of the new build at its NE, NW and SE corners. (SW will presumably fall under the current footprint?)</p>

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Sub 3	<p>Has this Burrows Park Masterplan gone to RCC for a vote by Councillors? It appears a development by stealth despite resident and ratepayer strong objections. Not long ago, part Heffron Park was gifted to a professional sporting group Souths Juniors and tens of millions spent on a State of the Art training facility. Here we are again with professional sporting groups such as rugby usurping both public monies and lands. I believe there needs to be an Independent Review into RCC, ratepayer monies and professional sporting bodies. I strongly object to these expansion plans in light of transparency and public interest. The community has strongly told council they do not support these plans for Burrows Park for a myriad of reasons - noise, traffic, loss of public amenity.</p>
Sub 4	<p>I would like to submit the following feedback on the Masterplan.</p> <p>SUMMARY There is a strong disconnect between the covering Email and general description of the proposal compared with the actual details in the plan. For example the increase in both the amenities block and field size is described as "slight". In both cases the increase is anything but with amenities block footprint being 50% bigger and the field size increasing by approximately 1200sqm (based on the additional 12.5m in length and 6.5m in width) The case for an enhanced amenities block is supported by a photo showing rust in the awning. We both know that the awning was repaired back in 2023. So its inclusion is clearly intended to mislead. If it is an error of fact then what other errors do we need to consider in our feedback.</p> <p>ACCESS On the part of the Plan dealing with "Topography and Levels" there is reference to "existing driveway access across the dog park" There is no existing driveway! Access is across open ground and the safety of pedestrians and pets is reliant on low speeds and caution on the part of those with access. (At present these vehicles are mostly used by council employees who in my experience display the requisite degree of caution. This might not be the case for some kiosk volunteers when they have run out of sausages or soft drinks.) For the avoidance of doubt dog park users don't want a driveway installed. What we do want is a kiosk of modest scale in terms of size and hours of operation. This should be supported by a strict limit in the hours of operation and number of vehicles. Unfortunately the Plan gives no details on these matters. What the Plan does say is that there will be no fencing around the Park and no diminution of the area currently used for pet exercise. I look to Council to ensure that the Masterplan treats any future proposal which does involve either of these to be treated as a non compliant development.</p> <p>AMENITIES BLOCK Subject to the comments about access I am supportive of the Amenities block redevelopment subject to there being no material increase in its size (as proposed in the plan). Overall the Amenities block improvements are consistent with the stated Plan objective to "Better support our local rugby league and rugby union teams."</p> <p>FIELD SIZE The proposed increase in field size is inconsistent with the stated objective shown above. The field dimensions have proven adequate for the Clovelly Crocodiles and Clovelly Eagles sides to date. If there are to be new users of the fields then that has not been disclosed in the Masterplan. The benefit of increasing the field size is not demonstrated especially when set against the loss of curtilage entailed in the proposal. I note that even NRL games are currently being played on fields smaller</p>

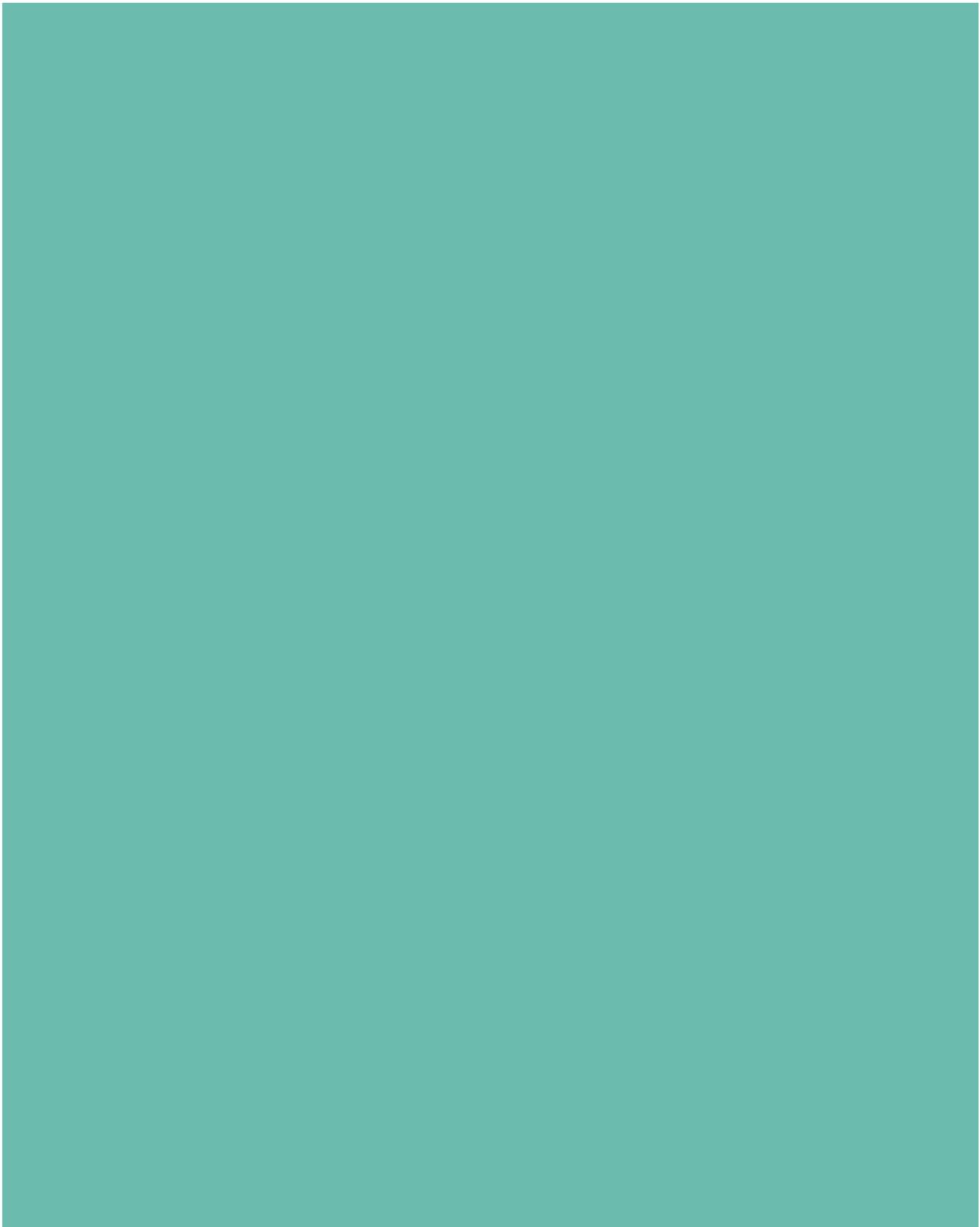
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	<p>than the preferred size. The Las Vegas games which opened the NRL season were at Allegiant Stadium where the field size is both narrower and shorter than Allianz or ANZ stadiums with no complaint. Other suburban grounds have shorter distances between the try line and dead ball line. This compromise has not been considered in the plan - why?</p>
<p>Sub 5</p>	<p>I do NOT support the extension of the playing field but do acknowledge that the amenity block needs to be renovated to make safe and to provide proper toilet and change room facilities.</p> <p>In the covering email that I received from Randwick Council notifying residents of the preferred masterplan for the above development and asking for feedback , I am concerned by the lack of information provided by council and believe this to be misleading on the final project as it plays down on what it plans to do by neglecting to give full information.</p> <p>The initial letter states “ slightly expand the field “ and gives 2 measurements “8 m to the North” and “2 m to the west” . It is only when clicking on link - which a lot of people will not do due to the cover letter downplaying it - that you realise that the field is being expanded in 4 directions - a further 6 m to the east and 4.5m to the south.</p> <p>Other misinformation/ missing information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the amenity block / change rooms and kiosk is being built on a “similar” footprint - but looks from diagrams to be 1 &1/2 times the size. 2. That there is no actual measurements / dimensions of the field or the amenity block(I do note square meterage is provided but info on size/ heights etc) 3.It states aim to “better support our local rugby league and junior union team” but does not state which teams -children , adults or how often training sessions and games would occur and what days and the times of these games and training sessions . Increase games etc will cause increased noise for local residents 4. It states no fence around field but what will happen in the future? Is there any guarantee that this will not happen in the future ? <p>When I attended the info session yesterday At burrows park and asked about this I was told that “none of our ovals are fenced” - I replied what about Coogee which is fenced for the whole season whether used or not there is tarp around it blocking any view.</p> <p>Reply from your staff was “ well that’s just one oval”</p> <p>What is to stop this happening at Burrows if professional games start playing and training there?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Dog off leash area to remain - For how long? If increased / professional games there will be increased traffic and parking required. Where will that be ? The only open place would be the dog off leash area which is also used by sightseers, picnickers and young children playing Your info says a study was done of available parking spaces and a suggestion that there be a 15 minute interval between games to allow for people to leave and people to arrive and park - this is unrealistic as people rarely just leave straight after a game is played- what they generally do is have showers / change, eat something if kiosk/ stand around and chat, what next game. 6.Costs- how is this to be funded? When I asked this and suggested that the ratepayers or perhaps the football clubs who will be using it I was told at the info session by your staff “No, by council’s capital fund” . <p>I asked where does that money come from ? - reply “the rates I think” .</p>

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	<p>7. Kiosk- no information has been given as to operating hours, who will operate it and how it will be supplied/ serviced. How will delivery vehicles deliver to kiosk and how often?</p> <p>8. Info states existing access for emergency vehicles will remain - is this talking about Ocean Street or across off leash dog area? please note that there is no actual sealed road access dog off leash area and I would not like to see one there.</p> <p>9. Lighting- proposed plans say “minimum four light poles required” - minimum? Whats the maximum? Smart lighting - “ programmed to lower levels when field not being used”- so will lights remain on at all times at night? There is a light in the clovelly car park at south end of beach which is very bright and an eyesore when looking out.</p> <p>10. Heritage stone retaining wall - is this the wall that is currently visible at north end of field or the one that looks to be buried behind it where a few stone tops are visible on track ?</p> <p>11. Saturday morning information session - we went to the session and were disappointed in the lack of information. Although very polite the two staff members replied to many of my questions with - with a statement and then “I think” or “ I presume” . When we said that we thought that the proposed field would have been marked out so people could actually see the dimensions we were told “the architect is coming later” As you can see all of the above supports my concerns about the lack of information and playing down of plans. It is my belief that this is misleading to the public and local residents. I ask that you please acknowledge my email and my feedback and reply to my questions. I also ask - as above - that you please forward my email to the mayor. Thankyou</p>
Sub 6	<p>*...I'm in total support of Randwick City Councils plans for Burrows Park upgrade. We are thankful for the support Council lends to our Community Sporting Groups. <i>*This submission has been edited by Council staff</i></p>
Sub 7	<p>Hi there, I'm from Maccabi Rugby and we're also a home team to the ground. Just wondering whether the new proposed building is going to have more or less storage than the current 2 shipping containers. My main reason for asking is that we have a scrum machine in the container that will need to be put inside the storage and wheeled out (if left outside, it will rust overnight. Thank you for the help.</p>
Sub 8	<p>Thoroughly endorse proposals.</p>

3.3. Social Media

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	18 Feb 2025	2181	4	24	8
	18 Feb 2025	5287	36	17	1
	27 Feb 2025	2444	17	17	0

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Director City Services Report No. CS42/25

Subject: Lenthall Street, Kensington - Proposed one-way movement

Executive Summary

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- This report has been prepared in response to a resolution of Council (Cr Luxford / Cr D'Souza) made at the June 2023 Council meeting seeking an investigation into making Lenthall Street, Kensington one way to from Todman Avenue to Epsom Road and prohibiting traffic travelling west to east from entering Lenthall Street.
- The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the study that was commissioned to investigate a high-level review of the impacts of converting Lenthall Street, Kensington to one-way towards Epsom Road from Todman Avenue.
- Preliminary concerns identified in the study include increased traffic congestion, reduced parking availability, disruptions to public transport, and broader impacts on commuters and local residents.
- It is noted that within NSW local Councils do not have the legal authority to introduce one-way movements upon streets. This legal authority rests solely Transport for NSW (TfNSW).
- Council is required to seek the support of TfNSW and the City of Sydney, in modifying the traffic layout and adjusting traffic signals along Lenthall Street and surrounding areas.
- Should the key authority and stakeholders provide support It is recommended that traffic modelling of the impacts is conducted, which is estimated to cost approximately \$40,000.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council write to both Transport for NSW and the City of Sydney requesting their support for the proposed "one-way" movement on Lenthall Avenue, Kensington; and
- b) should support for the proposal be provided then endorse the commencement of a traffic modelling investigation for the proposal.

Attachment/s:

1.  Lenthall Street Investigation (Stantec) - Final Report

Purpose

A resolution was passed at the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 27 July 2023 as follows:

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/D'Souza) that Council investigate making Lenthall Street Kensington one way to Epsom Road from Todman Avenue and traffic travelling west to east be prohibited from entering Lenthall Street.

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the preliminary investigation conducted to undertake a high-level review of converting Lenthall Street, Kensington to one-way westerly towards Epsom Road from Todman Avenue and prohibiting traffic travelling west to east from entering Lenthall Street.

Discussion

Following the resolution from Council, a study was commissioned to undertake a high-level review of the impacts of making Lenthall Street in Kensington one way to Epsom Road from Todman Avenue. This proposal would result in the prohibition of traffic travelling from west to east.

The consultant utilised traffic volume data collected within the study area as part of the Kensington and West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study which included automatic tube counts which record traffic volumes and speeds and Origin Destination surveys, allowing for the analysis of travel patterns.

Key concerns raised within the study include traffic congestion, parking availability, disruptions to public transport, and the community impact to commuters and residents.

It is noted that within NSW local Councils do not have the legal authority to introduce one-way movements upon streets. This legal authority rests solely Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Reference should be made to the study attached which details the analysis of the data, high level impacts and recommendations.

The following intersections are highlighted as being impacted as a result of traffic redistribution away from Lenthall Street:

- Dowling Street/ Todman Avenue
- Baker Street/ Todman Avenue
- South Dowling Street/ Dacey Avenue
- Link Road/ Epsom Road
- Epsom Road/ Dalmeny Avenue
- Epsom Road/ Rosebery Avenue

Proposal

Council is required to seek the support of TfNSW and the City of Sydney, in modifying the traffic layout and adjusting traffic signals along Lenthall Street and surrounding areas. The extent of these costs cannot be determined at this stage. Should this proposal be supported by the major stakeholders, a subsequent report will be brought back to Council.

Should the key authority and stakeholders provide support It is recommended that traffic modelling of the impacts is conducted, which is estimated to cost approximately \$40,000.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Integrated Transport

Outcome	A safe, efficient and sustainable road network that responds to the NSW Government's Movement and Place framework
Objective	Achieve a 50% reduction in casualties on the road network from a 2018 baseline of 269 incidents by 2031.
Delivery program commitment	Work with Transport for NSW to achieve the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2056, under the Safe System approach.

Risks

The following risks have been identified within the investigation:

- Decisions in relation to traffic flow changes on Lenthall Street ultimately lie with Transport for NSW. Further consultation with stakeholders such as the local bus operators, City of Sydney and residents would also have to be conducted, and it is considered that these stakeholders would likely not be supportive of this proposal.
- A proposal to convert Lenthall Street to one-way traffic flow would result in significant disruptions to the public transport network.
- Converting Lenthall Street to one-way would also result in re-routing of all traffic travelling eastbound along Lenthall Street. Traffic would be re-directed via a number of routes to the heavily trafficked intersection of Todman Avenue, O'Dea Avenue and South Dowling Street. This proposal would also likely have significant impacts on a number of other intersections within the area.
- Imposing a one-way movement would also require many residents to travel along a lengthy detour which would increase their travel time to access their properties.
- There is a risk that there may be damage to Council's reputation due to the perceived negative impacts to public transport and residential access.
- There may be significant community opposition to the proposal.
- TfNSW and the Council of the City of Sydney may not be supportive of traffic being re-routed to intersections within the City of Sydney LGA which may potentially fail under the increased traffic volumes and increase overall network traffic congestion.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The \$40,000 for the traffic modelling investigation is available in the 2025-26 Operational Budget and Capital Works Program.

Policy and legislative requirements

The Lenthall Street Study aligns with the intent of the following documents:

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

Conclusion

The attached traffic study investigated at a high level, the likely impacts of making Lenthall Street in Kensington one way westerly from Todman Avenue to Epsom Road. Key concerns raised within the study include resultant traffic congestion, disruptions to public transport, parking changes and a negative community impact – particularly for residents.

Pending the adoption of the recommendation in this report, Council Officers will seek support for the proposal from Transport for NSW and City of Sydney. Should support be provided Council Officers with then progress a traffic modelling investigation.

Responsible officer: Shenara Wanigasekera, Transport Engineer

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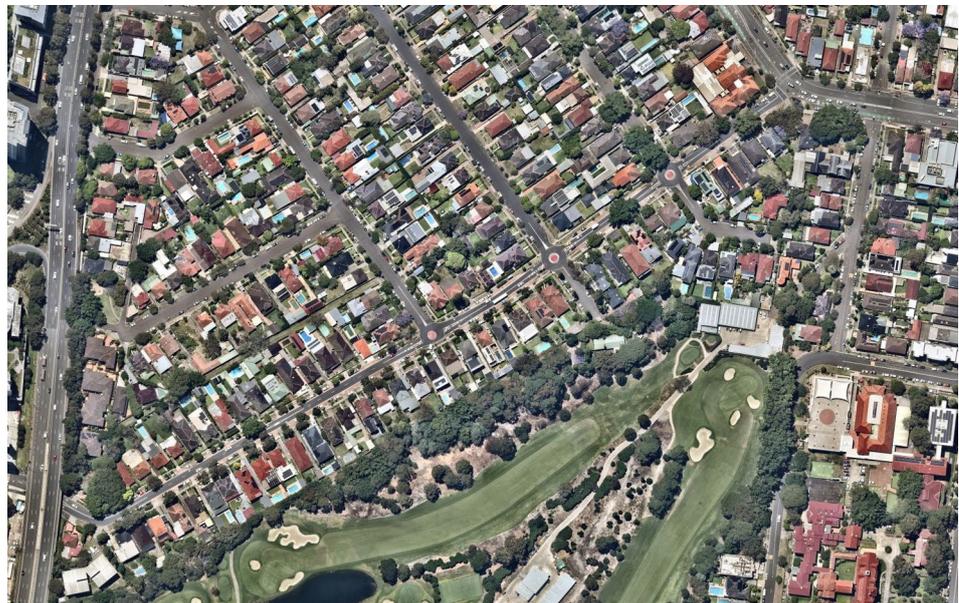
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1 Introduction

Stantec has been commissioned by Randwick City Council to develop the Kensington and West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Plan. This initiative involves a comprehensive review of traffic conditions within the designated study area and the formulation of strategic traffic calming recommendations. Upon completion of the draft study, Randwick City Council has requested Stantec to conduct an assessment evaluating the potential impact of converting Lenthall Street into a one-way westbound road between Todman Avenue and Epsom Road. This assessment aims to analyse the effects of this proposed change on both Lenthall Street and the broader road network. The purpose of this study is to determine the following:

- Understand the impact on different road users across the network in the vicinity of Lenthall Street.
- Identify any potential changes to local access and routes through the area to understand how the one-way conversion of Lenthall Street might alter access to residential properties, businesses, and other local destinations.
- Identify the high-level impacts on neighbouring intersections due to changes in local access.
- Determine the likely ability of alternate roads to accommodate diverted traffic flows, considering current congestion levels, road capacity, and any potential bottlenecks that might arise.

This technical memorandum is intended to assist Randwick City Council in evaluating the impact of converting Lenthall Street into a one-way westbound road between Todman Avenue and Epsom Road, as well as its effects on the surrounding road network. To support this study, Stantec utilised traffic volume data collected in the vicinity of the study area as part of the Kensington and West Kingsford LATM program of works.

The study area is shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1: Study Area



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2 Existing Conditions

The following chapter provides a summary of the existing transport conditions in and around the Lenthall Street study area. This analysis aims to offer valuable insights into the current traffic flow, road infrastructure, and overall transportation dynamics, serving as a foundation for assessing potential changes to the road network.

2.1 Road Network

Lenthall Street

Lenthall Street runs between Epsom Road to the west and Todman Avenue to the east. It is a one-lane, two-way street with a speed limit of 50 km/h. As a key route connecting to Epsom Road, Lenthall Street experiences high traffic volumes. Most of the traffic entering the study area via Lenthall Road near Epsom Road travels through Lenthall Street and Todman Avenue to reach Anzac Parade. This road is managed by Randwick City Council.

Todman Avenue

Todman Avenue serves as a key distributor, running between Dowling Street to the west and Doncaster Avenue to the east. It intersects with Anzac Parade towards its eastern end and connects the recently opened Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway with the Waterloo Cycleway. The road generally has two lanes in each direction, with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h and a 40 km/h school zone near Doncaster Avenue for Kensington Public School. This road is managed by Randwick City Council.

Eastern Distributor

The Eastern Distributor, part of the greater M1 motorway, begins at the northern end of Southern Cross Drive and connects to the Sydney Harbour Tunnel, facilitating north/south movement across Sydney. Most of the motorway has variable speed limits that adjust based on traffic conditions. In the study area, motorists can access the Eastern Distributor for northbound travel via Link Road, which is reachable from Lenthall Street and Epsom Road. For southbound travel, motorists can connect via Todman Avenue. There are no direct exits into the study area for either northbound or southbound traffic. This road is managed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Southern Cross Drive

Southern Cross Drive is a motorway that connects Sydney Airport to the Sydney CBD, running for approximately four kilometres as part of the greater M1 Motorway. The road runs along the western boundary of the Australian Golf Club and has a posted speed limit of 80 km/h. Motorists can access the study area via Link Road, which provides an exit to Lenthall Street. Southern Cross Drive ends near Lenthall Street at its northern end, where the Eastern Distributor begins, and General Holmes Drive at its southern end. This road is managed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Local Roads

Connecting into Lenthall Street are a number of local roads including Virginia Street, McDougall Street, and Milroy Avenue.

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2.2 Public Transport Network

Lenthall Street currently supports one bus service, the 370, which runs between Coogee and Glebe Point. The 370 bus service boards and alights at two locations westbound and one location eastbound. Services operate every 8 minutes during peak times and connects to key transport hubs including Green Square Station, St Peters Station, and Newtown Station.



Figure 2: 370 Route – Coogee to Glebe Point (Westbound)¹

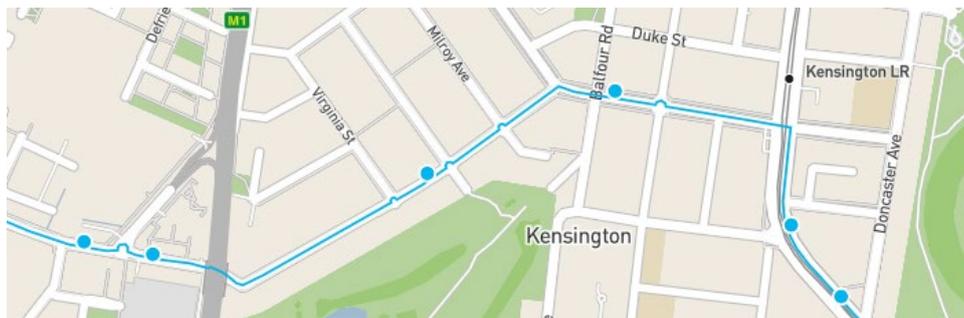


Figure 3: 370 Route – Glebe Point to Coogee (Eastbound)

2.3 Walking Network

Lenthall Street is bounded by footpaths on both sides, with pedestrian refuges provided at each of the three roundabouts located at the intersections with Virginia Street, McDougall Street, Milroy Avenue. A signalised intersection is provided at Todman Avenue, with two pedestrian crossing legs.

2.4 Cycling Network

Currently, there are no cycleways along the length of Lenthall Street. However, Todman Avenue has cycling lanes that connect to the new Zetland cycleway. The Todman Avenue cycleway is identified for upgrades to a separated bicycle path as part of the Kensington and West Kingsford LATM recommendations. At the western end of Lenthall Street, within the City of Sydney boundary, there is a shared path that links to a network of separated bicycle paths.

¹ Source: [Transport for NSW Route and Timetables](#)

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3 Data Collection and Analysis

3.1 Data Collection

As part of the Kensington and West Kingsford LATM study, Automatic Tube Counts (ATC) and Origin-Destination (OD) surveys were conducted at key locations around the study area including on Lenthall Street. The details of surveys available are as follows:

ATC data was collected for seven consecutive days (24 hours per day) from 21st March 2024 to 28th March 2024, across the six locations listed below:

- ATC 1 – Virginia Street mid-block
- ATC 2 – McDougall Street mid-block
- ATC 3 – Milroy Avenue mid-block (between Baker Street and Lenthall Street)
- ATC 4 - Baker Street mid-block (between Milroy Avenue and Todman Avenue)
- ATC 5 - Milroy Avenue mid-block (between Winkurra Street and Baker Street)
- ATC 6 - Carminya Street mid-block (between Milroy Avenue and Todman Avenue)

Additional ATC data was for locations along Todman Avenue. Data was collected for seven consecutive days (24 hours per day) from 10th August 2023 to 16th August 2023, across the four locations listed below:

- ATC 1 - Todman Avenue north of Carminya Street
- ATC 2 - Lenthall Street between Epsom Road and Virginia Street
- ATC 3 - Todman Avenue between Anzac Parade and Villers Street
- ATC 4 – Todman Avenue east of Anzac Parade

OD surveys were conducted on Tuesday, 26th March 2024. Data was collected for 7 hours during the peak periods: 6:00-9:00 in the morning and 15:00-19:00 in the evening, at sites listed below:

- OD1 - Lenthall Street at Virginia Street intersection
- OD2 - McDougall Street near Lenthall Street intersection
- OD3 - Milroy Street near Lenthall Street intersection
- OD4 - Lenthall Street intersection near Todman Avenue
- OD5 - Baker Street near Todman Avenue
- OD6 - Carminya Street near Todman Avenue

Figure 4 shows the locations surveyed.

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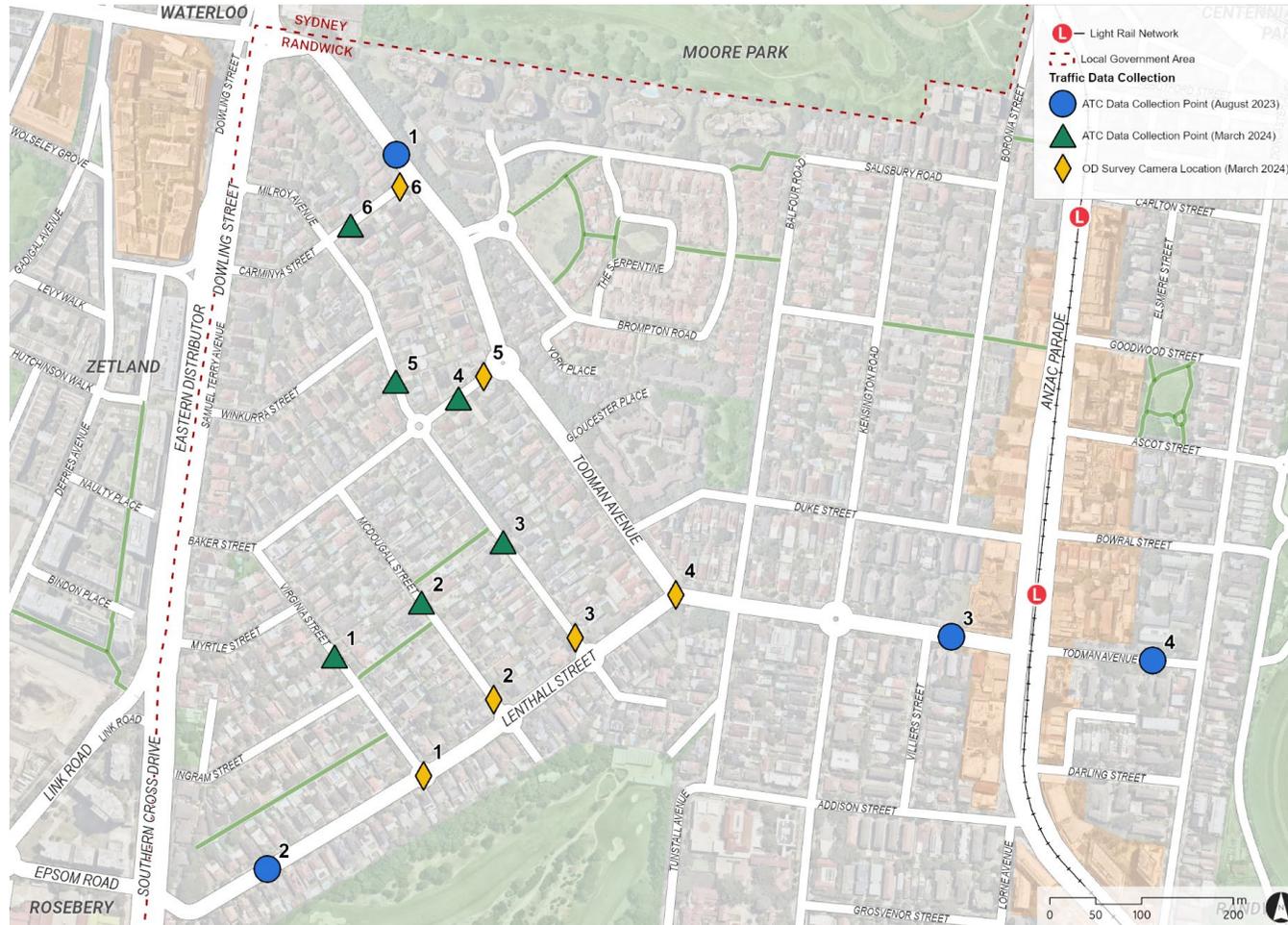


Figure 4 : Survey Locations



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4 Traffic Data Analysis

This section details the analysis of traffic data collected through ATCs and OD surveys.

4.1 Peak hour analysis

The peak hour was identified using ATC data, based on the weekday average of two-way volumes for all the surveyed locations. Figure 5 and Figure 6 illustrate the weekday average volume distribution for the Lenthall Street precinct count locations and Todman Avenue count locations respectively.

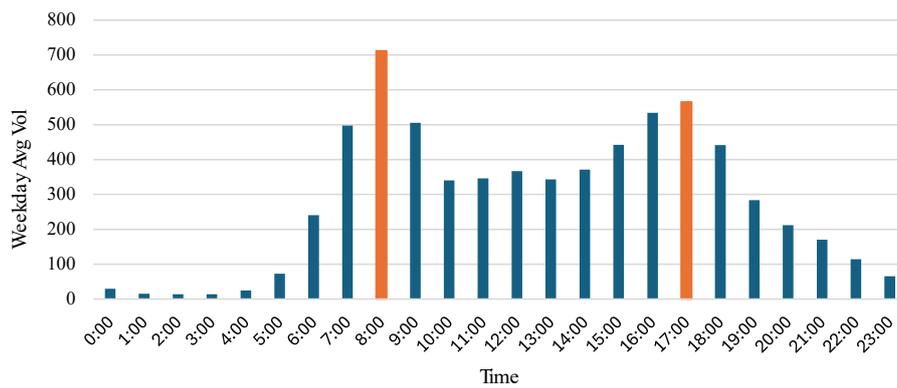


Figure 5 : Network Peak Hour (Lenthall Street ATCs)

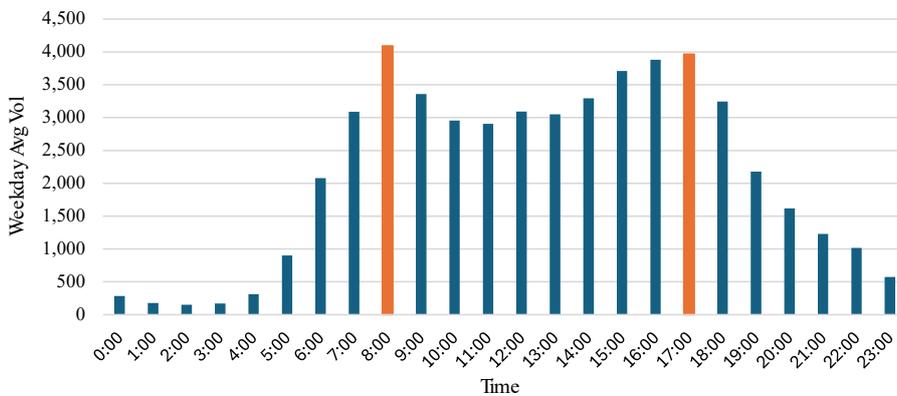


Figure 6 : Network Peak Hour (Todman Avenue ATCs)

The graphs indicate that the peak hours are the same on both Lenthall Street and Todman Avenue. Based on this analysis, the study defines the peak hours as follows:

- AM Peak: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- PM Peak: 17:00 – 18:00 PM

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4.2 Automatic Tube Counts

The ATC data collected across the survey locations was analysed to determine peak hour volumes, hourly traffic distributions, and directional flows. Figure 7 and Figure 8 show the hourly traffic profile generated for all survey sites. These profiles illustrate volume variations throughout the day.

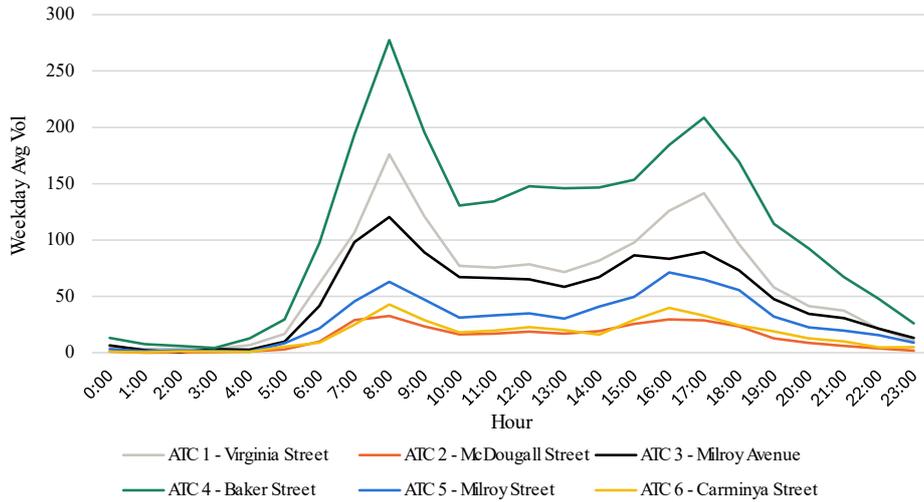


Figure 7 : Lenthall Street ATCs - Weekday Average Volumes (Two-way) Hourly Profile

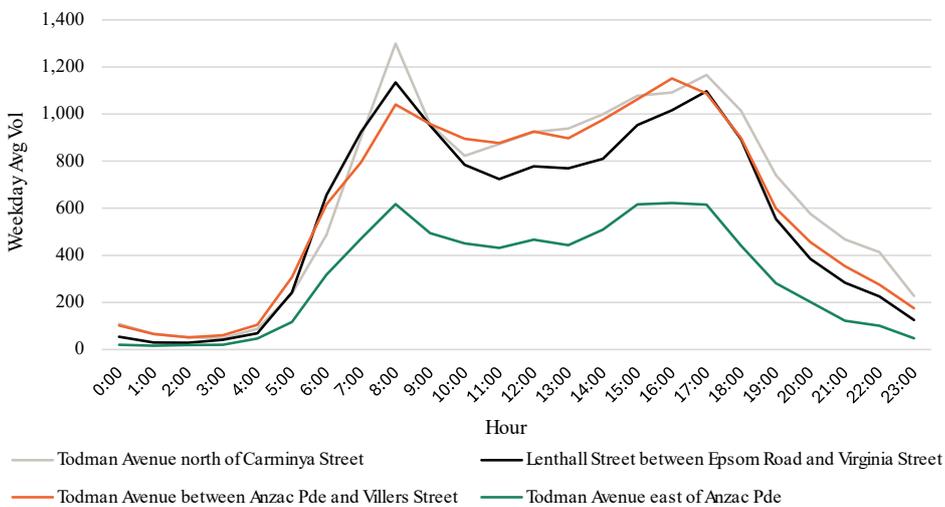


Figure 8 : Todman Avenue ATCs - Weekday Average Volumes (Two-way) Hourly Profile

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show the peak hour volumes, including directional flows and combined totals for Lenthall Street precinct ATC sites and Todman Avenue ATC sites respectively.

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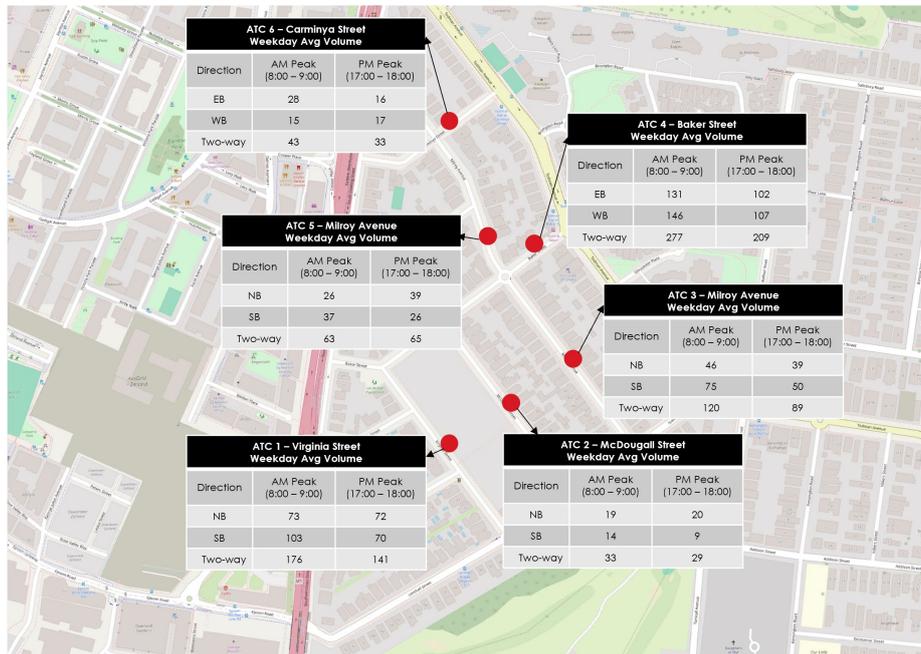


Figure 9 : Peak Hour Volumes (ATCs)



Figure 10 : Peak Hour Volumes (ATCs)

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The following observations can be made from the traffic count data collected:

- Todman Avenue carries a significant amount of traffic and is a vital road in the Kensington area, connecting to major roads such as the M1 Eastern Distributor, South Dowling Street, and Anzac Parade.
- Lenthall Street, between Epsom Road and Virginia Street, handles more than 1,000 vehicles (two-way) during peak hours, highlighting its importance as a critical connector road in the local area.
- Traffic travelling eastbound on Lenthall Street, which is to be impacted by the street closure accounted for 410 vehicles in the AM peak hour and 629 vehicles in PM peak hour.
- 1,760 vehicles travelled eastbound during the AM peak period (7-10 am).
- 2,019 vehicles travelled eastbound during the PM peak period (3-6 pm).
- Overall 7,136 vehicles travel eastbound along Lenthall Street on an average day weekday.
- Streets connecting with Lenthall Street and Todman Avenue, particularly Virginia Street and Baker Street, accommodate approximately 150-250 vehicles (two-way) during peak hours.

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4.3 Origin Destination Surveys

The OD survey data collected was processed to understand travel patterns within the study area. The peak hour OD volumes were analysed to identify major flows of traffic during the morning and evening peaks. Table 1 and Table 2 show the traffic volumes between different OD pairs in the AM and PM peak respectively.

Table 1 : OD Survey Volumes (AM Peak)

Origin/Destination (AM Peak 8:00 - 9:00)	1 - Lenthall St (near Virginia St)	2 - McDougall St (near Lenthall St)	3 - Milroy St (near Lenthall St)	4- Lenthall St (near Todman Ave)	5 - Baker St (near Todman Ave)	6 - Carminya St (near Todman Ave)
1 Lenthall St (near Virginia St)	0	5	12	592	9	0
2 McDougall St (near Lenthall St)	7	0	1	9	4	0
3 Milroy St (near Lenthall St)	67	2	0	27	24	5
4 Lenthall St (near Todman Ave)	767	6	46	0	16	4
5 Baker St (near Todman Ave)	64	6	64	4	0	0
6 Carminya St (near Todman Ave)	2	0	7	5	7	0

Table 2 : OD Survey Volumes (PM Peak)

Origin/Destination (PM Peak 17:00 - 18:00)	1 - Lenthall St (near Virginia St)	2 - McDougall St (near Lenthall St)	3 - Milroy St (near Lenthall St)	4- Lenthall St (near Todman Ave)	5 - Baker St (near Todman Ave)	6 - Carminya St (near Todman Ave)
1 Lenthall St (near Virginia St)	0	10	14	776	12	2
2 McDougall St (near Lenthall St)	1	0	3	1	4	0
3 Milroy St (near Lenthall St)	34	0	0	11	19	4
4 Lenthall St (near Todman Ave)	568	12	39	0	11	2
5 Baker St (near Todman Ave)	29	0	30	4	0	2
6 Carminya St (near Todman Ave)	1	0	2	1	7	0



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4 Traffic Data Analysis

Following observations can be made from the OD data:

- The volume of traffic for westbound movements from Lenthall Street (near Virginia Street) to Lenthall Street (near Todman Avenue) is 592 vehicles during the AM peak hour and 776 vehicles during the PM peak hour, accounting for about 95% of all trips originating from Lenthall Street (near Virginia Street).
- The volume of traffic for eastbound movements from Lenthall Street (near Todman Avenue) to Lenthall Street (near Virginia Street) is 767 vehicles during the AM peak hour and 568 vehicles during the PM peak hour, accounting for about 90% of all trips originating from Lenthall Street (near Todman Avenue).
- These volumes suggest that Lenthall Street, connecting Epsom Road and Todman Avenue, plays a crucial role in facilitating east-west travel in the area.
- The proposed conversion of Lenthall Street to one-way westbound is likely to shift traffic volumes on the most attractive OD pair, potentially increasing pressure on connecting streets.

4.4 Summary

This technical memorandum documents Stantec's analysis of traffic volumes around Lenthall Street in the Kensington area. ATC data was collected for ten locations around the study area which included data from years 2023 and 2024. OD surveys were carried out at six locations. The traffic analysis of both ATC and OD survey data provides the following observations:

- ATC data indicates that Lenthall Street and Todman Avenue carry significant traffic volumes, during peak hours.
- The most prominent OD pair was found to be between Lenthall Street (near Virginia Street) and Lenthall Street (near Todman Avenue), which accounts for approximately 550 to 800 vehicles on Lenthall Street during peak hours.
- The volumes show that traffic is likely to bottle neck merging onto the M1/ Dowling Street from Link Road. This will result in vehicles backing up to the intersection of Link Road/ Epsom Road onto Epsom Road. This has the potential to further impact the intersections of Epsom Road/ Dalmeny Avenue and Epsom Road/ Rosebery Avenue.
- The following intersections are highlighted as being impacted as a result of traffic redistribution from Lenthall Street:
 - Dowling Street/ Todman Avenue
 - Baker Street/ Todman Avenue
 - South Dowling Street/ Dacey Avenue
 - Link Road/ Epsom Road
 - Epsom Road/ Dalmeny Avenue
 - Epsom Road/ Rosebery Avenue

Considering these items, it is unlikely that TfNSW will be supportive of the road closure due to impact on the surrounding network.



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4.4.1 Impacts to the Surrounding Road Network

The following summarises the impacts to the surrounding road network as a result of converting Lenthall Street to a one-way road.

Road Network

Based on the traffic count data, a significant volume of traffic is expected to redistribute throughout the surrounding network. Without conducting traffic modelling, it is challenging to determine the exact redistribution pattern. However, we can estimate the extent of this redistribution. As shown in Figure 11, it is anticipated that the majority of traffic currently traveling eastbound via Lenthall Street will divert to Link Road, Dowling Street, and Todman Avenue. Additional traffic may also use Joynton Avenue, O’Dea Avenue, and Todman Avenue, or Botany Road, Bourke Street, O’Dea Avenue, and Todman Avenue.

This redistribution is likely to have a significant impact on a number of intersections. It is likely that the in some areas, this may cause these intersections to fail. Intersections of concern include:

- Dowling Street and Todman Avenue
- Gadigal Avenue and O’Dea Avenue
- Joynton Avenue and O’Dea Avenue



Figure 11: Anticipated Redistribution of Traffic



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Local Resident Access

When considering the impacts on residents near Lenthall Street, we need to address two groups: those living north of Lenthall Street and those living south of it.

- Residents south of Lenthall Street: These residents rely entirely on Lenthall Street for property access.
- Residents north of Lenthall Street: These residents, in the block bounded by Lenthall Street, Todman Avenue, and Southern Cross Drive, have alternative access points.

This distinction is important for understanding the different levels of impact on each group.

Residents south of Lenthall Street will need to travel the full extent of the redistribution shown in Figure 11 and are likely to access Lenthall Street at the intersection with Todman Avenue. Under current conditions, this detour could add up to 10 minutes to their travel time. However, with increased traffic volumes due to the proposed changes in road conditions, it is anticipated that the delay could be even longer.

Parking

There are approximately 50 on-street parking spaces situated westbound along the northern extent of Lenthall Street, distributed as follows:

- **29 spaces** between Virginia Street and Epsom Road
- **5 spaces** between Virginia Street and McDougall Street
- **9 spaces** between McDougall Street and Milroy Avenue
- **7 spaces** between Milroy Avenue and Todman Avenue. It should be noted that these spaces operate as No Parking between 7:30 – 9:30 am, Monday to Friday.

While parking is expected to remain, some spaces may be affected by the reconfiguration of Lenthall Street. This could involve changes such as:

- Reduction in the number of parking spaces to accommodate new traffic patterns or road layouts.
- Implementation of new parking regulations to better manage the flow of vehicles and ensure optimal use of available space.

Bus

Converting Lenthall Street to a one-way road will necessitate rerouting buses via Link Road, Eastern Distributor, and Todman Avenue. Fortunately, this change is unlikely to strain the local road environment as only a single bus route operates in this direction with a maximum of six operational vehicles per hour in the peak.

The Lenthall St at McDougall St bus stop (Stop ID 203338) is the only bus stop on Lenthall Street which will be impacted by the proposed changes. The Epsom Road after Link Road bus stop (Stop ID 201749), which is located west of the M1 will also be impacted by the changes. In some instances residents may be required to walk up to an additional 500m to access a bus stop because changes to existing arrangements.

It is likely that changes to road conditions will disrupt existing public transport routes, impacting accessibility and reliability for passengers. These impacts will require approval from TfNSW as a result.



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Walking

Reducing the number of vehicles on Lenthall Street is likely to significantly enhance pedestrian safety by minimising interactions with traffic. This reduction will also increase the availability of safe crossing opportunities for pedestrians.

Cycling

Increasing road space availability along Lenthall Street is likely to benefit cyclists. By increasing road space availability, there is an opportunity for Council to provide a two-way separated bicycle path, enhancing safety and convenience for cyclists.

5 Recommendations

Overall, a significant volume of traffic is likely to be impacted by the proposed changes to Lenthall Street. The majority of traffic is likely to be redistributed via Link Road, Dowling Street, Eastern Distributor, and Todman Avenue to make the same journey. These roads already experience significant congestion, particularly during peak periods, and are likely to be impacted even more with significant increases in traffic volumes. Alternative rerouting may occur via O'Riordan Street and Dacey Avenue, or Gardeners Road.

Should Council wish to proceed with understanding the wider impacts of the proposed changes to the surrounding road network, it is recommended that a traffic modelling assessment be undertaken. This will enable Council to evaluate the impact on intersection functionality and potential increases in travel delays as a result of increased traffic volumes. It is anticipated that undertaking modelling will likely cost in the region of \$12-15k depending on the number of counts required and level of scenario testing. This price is likely to increase over time and is representative to the cost of a study at the date of this report.

Consultation is to be held with TfNSW as a result of the impact to existing bus route services. This is to be proceeded with during the early stages of investigation as any push back will limit the opportunity to proceed with any desired changes.

Additionally, it is recommended that further consultation with City of Sydney should be conducted to discuss the closure of Lenthall Street and its potential implications on existing networks. This will be critical for ensuring that any changes are well-coordinated and address the needs of the community effectively.



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Stantec's professional opinion is that the proposed conversion of Lenthall Street is likely to have adverse consequences on the surrounding area, with the negative impacts outweighing any potential benefits. The scheme is unlikely to gain wider stakeholder buy-in and is expected to face significant pushback from the public.

Key concerns include:

- **Traffic congestion:** The reconfiguration may lead to increased traffic congestion, affecting the flow of vehicles and potentially causing delays for commuters.
- **Parking availability:** The reconfiguration of parking spaces could inconvenience residents and visitors.
- **Public transport:** Changes to road conditions may disrupt existing public transport routes, impacting accessibility and reliability for passengers, and will require approval from TfNSW before proceeding.
- **Community impact:** The closure of Lenthall Street could affect commuters and residents, leading to dissatisfaction and opposition from the community.

Based on this determination, it is of Stantec's professional opinion that Council does not proceed further with this investigation.





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Director City Services Report No. CS43/25

Subject: Newmarket Randwick Development - Proposed Road Names

Executive Summary

- There are two unnamed new roads that have been created as part of the Newmarket Randwick Development.
- A proposed road naming strategy has been submitted to Council by CBUS, developer of Newmarket Randwick. CBUS is seeking Council's endorsement of the nominated road names to allow property addressing. The proposal is supported by a Traditional Owner Led Connecting with Country Report prepared by the Gujaga Foundation.
- The proposed road names comply with the requirements of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the nominated road names for submission to the Geographical Names Board for approval.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorse Banabi Street as the road name for the ST2 Road.
- b) Council endorse Fennelly Lane as the road name for the RL1 Road.
- c) the proposed road names be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for approval.
- d) the administration costs associated with the approval be borne by the developer.

Attachment/s:

1.  Newmarket Randwick - Street Naming Strategy

Purpose

This report nominates road names for roads created as part of the Newmarket Randwick Development and seeks Council’s endorsement. The endorsed road names will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for approval.

Discussion

Background

The Newmarket Randwick Development is being delivered through three stages of construction. Three roads and a public park were previously named as part of stage 1. There is a new road, ST2 and a lane, RL1 that require road naming for addressing purposes.

The Masterplan layout for Newmarket Randwick, including the unnamed roads, ST2 and RL1, is shown in Figure 1.

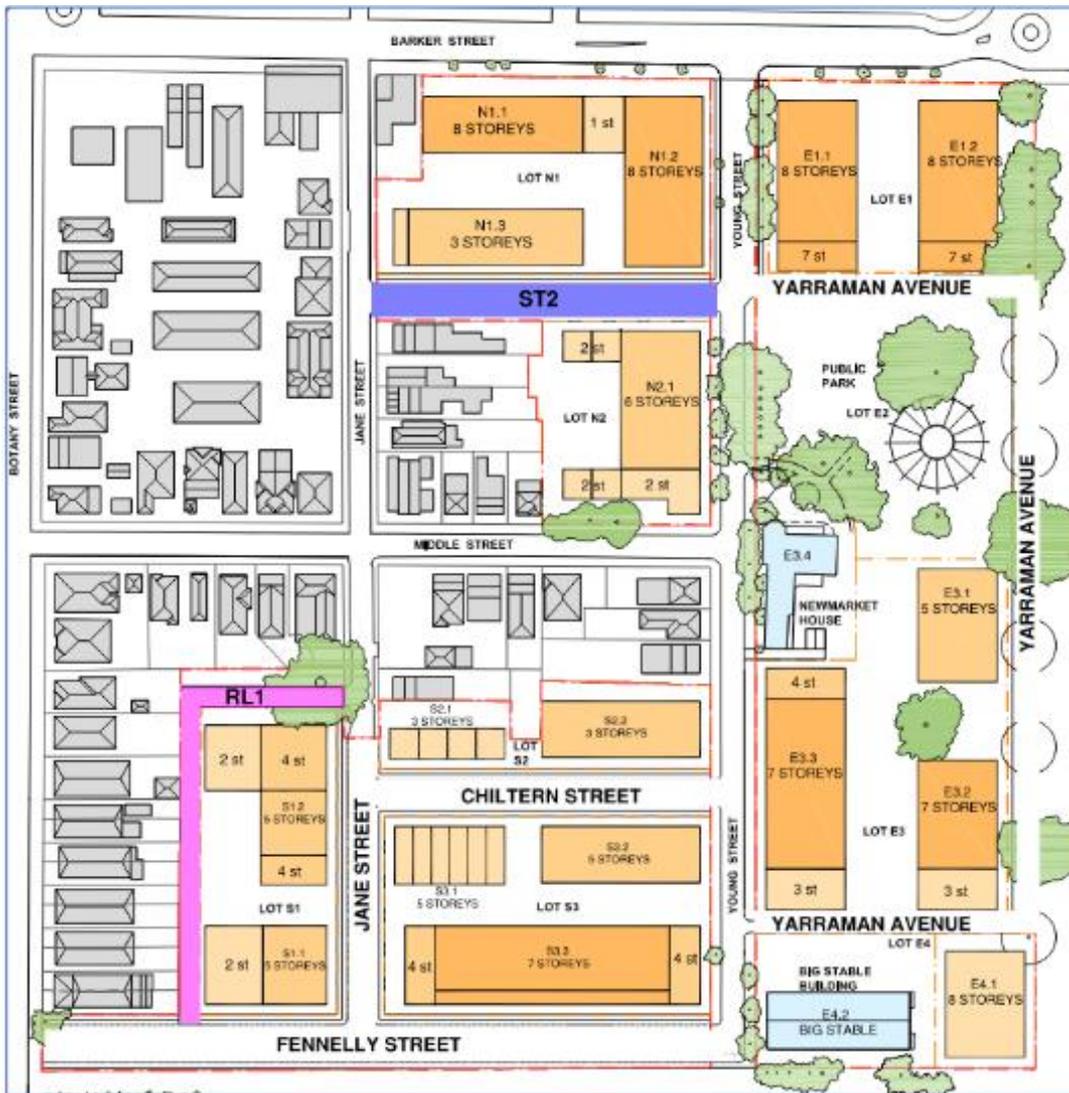


Figure 1 – Masterplan – Property and road layout

Proposal for Naming Strategy

The proposal for a road naming strategy has been submitted by the developer, CBUS. The proposed road naming, detailed below, complies with the principles of s6.7 of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual.

ST2 Road – Banabi Street

ST2 Road is in the northern precinct of the Newmarket development running in an east/west direction connecting the existing Young Street and Jane Street.

The Gujaga Foundation were engaged to assist with the nomination of a road name for the ST2 Road. The Gujaga Foundation outlines the basis for the nominated name, the significance of the story and the relevance to the area.

The Newmarket site sits within what was once a freshwater swamp system which spread out across the eastern suburbs of Sydney. The nearby swamps drained southwest into the Lachlan Swamp system and then into Botany Bay.

This area was once a landscape of enormous sand dunes, creeks and swamps where our old people camped and gathered. Fresh water streams, which we call ‘banabi’, and swamps were commonly found the base of these enormous sand dunes.

These sand dunes were a dominant feature of the natural landscape prior to its development. In conjunction to shelter, the creeks and freshwater swamp systems at the base of these dunes provided a vital food and water resources to the Indigenous Communities of Coastal Sydney. In addition to providing access to a reliable water source, the freshwater swamp systems at the base of the sand dunes provided access to a reliable and sustainable food resources as the freshwater turtles, yabbies and eels inhabiting the swamps were hunted and eaten.

It is proposed to name ST2 ‘Banabi Street’ to honour not only the geological characteristics of the Newmarket Site, but also its significance to the Indigenous Community as a water source, hunting area and campground utilised by the Indigenous Communities of Coastal Sydney.

RL1 Road – Fennelly Lane

RL1 Road is a rear lane that runs parallel to Jane Street and Fennelly Street. The lane will provide rear access to existing property at 155-179 Botany Street and 9 terrace houses constructed as part of the Newmarket development. These terrace houses will have a Jane Street address.

The proposal to name RL1 as Fennelly Lane is based on a historical street naming custom that the lane shares a name with the road off which it originates.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Customer Service & Governance Management Service
Function	Property and Land Management
Delivery program commitment	Administer the use of Council's property and land assets.

Risks

There are risks that road and place names do not reflect the local area. Council has recommended that the developer seek a road name nomination in consultation with the local Aboriginal community to reflect the cultural, historical, and environmental connection which encompasses the Newmarket Randwick site. The submitted road nomination addresses this risk.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no financial or other resource implications arising from this report.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Roads Act, 1993
- NSW Address Policy and User Manual, 2016.

Conclusion

A road naming strategy has been submitted by the developer of Newmarket Randwick for ST2 and RL1. The proposed road names are:

- ST2 – Banabi Street
- RL1 – Fennelly Lane

The proposed road names comply with the principles of the NSW Address Policy and User Manual. ST2 has been nominated with the support of the Gujaga Foundation.

It is recommended that the proposed road names be endorsed for submission to the Geographical Names Board for final approval.

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RE: DA/88/2016 Newmarket Randwick – Street Naming Strategy

The purpose of this proposal is to outline the strategy for naming of the new roads within the Newmarket development.

Background

The masterplan consent (DA/88/2016) is for the redevelopment of the former Inglis Stables site for a mixed-use retail and residential development known as Newmarket Randwick.

The masterplan includes the following;

- Subdivision of the site into nine (9) development lots;
- 5,000sqm public open space lot (public park);
- 5 public road lots;
- Building envelopes to accommodate a maximum gross floor area of 65,824m²;
- The adaptive re-use of Newmarket House and the Big Stable Building; and
- Services infrastructure.

The 9 development lots provide a range of residential buildings typologies that vary in height from 2-8 storeys. The development will be delivered in the following 3 stages;

- Stage 1 – Eastern precinct including park (Completed May 2020)
- Stage 2 – Southern precinct (Currently under construction)
- Stage 3 – Northern precinct (Construction commenced November 2024)

Masterplan

The plan under **Figure 1** shows the proposed new roads within the Newmarket development that are the subject of this proposal.

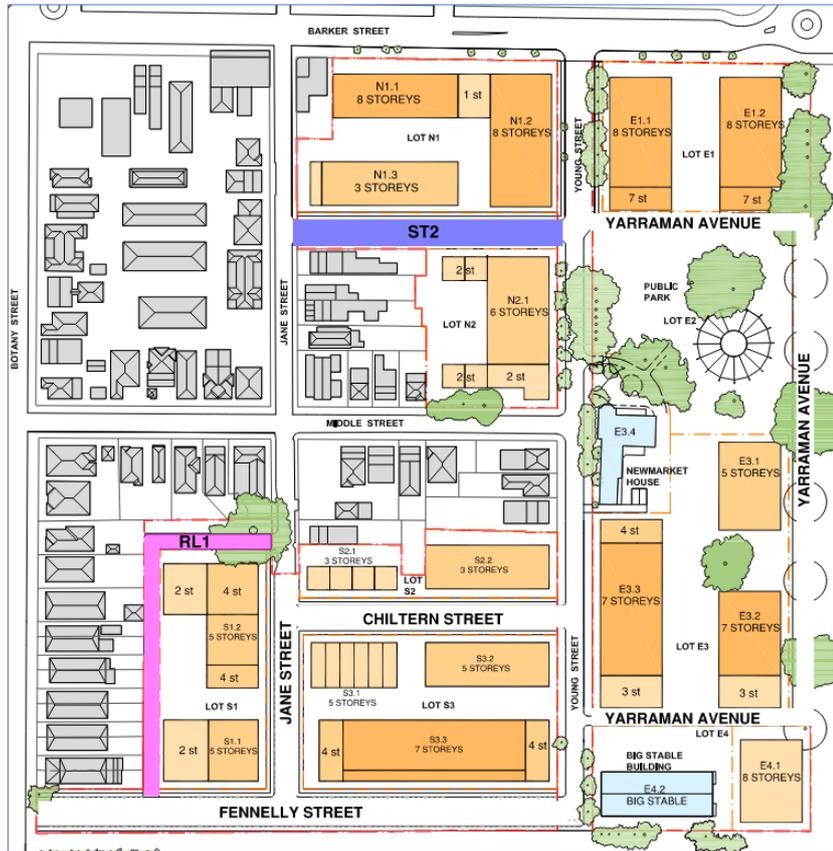


Figure 1. Masterplan building envelopes for the Newmarket development.

The proposed new roads within the Newmarket development include;

- ST2 – northern road connecting Jane and Young Street.
- RL1 – western laneway connecting Fenelly Street and Jane Street.

Proposal for Naming Strategy

The proposed strategy for naming the new streets is based on honouring the people, uses and cultural significance associated with the Newmarket site from both a European and Indigenous Cultural Heritage Perspective.

The Northern Precinct which includes ST2 is the site of a sand dune that was once part of Botany Sand Dune Complex that provided the local Indigenous community with a multitude of vital resources such as food, water and shelter. The naming strategy seeks to honour the historical character of the land as a place of significance to the Indigenous Communities of Coastal Sydney.

The naming strategy for the proposed new roads in Newmarket to the west of Young Street, including RL1, is based on honouring the people and uses associated with the site prior to the Inglis family operation and ownership of the site.

Proposed Street Names

ST2 Road – Banabi Street

ST2 Road is in the northern precinct of Newmarket development running in east/west direction connecting existing Young Street and Jane Street.

The following section is from the Gujaga Foundations' Traditional Owner Led Connecting with Country Report dated November 2023:

The Newmarket site sits within what was once a freshwater swamp system which spread out across the eastern suburbs of Sydney. The nearby swamps drained southwest into the Lachlan Swamp system and then into Botany Bay.

This area was once a landscape of enormous sand dunes, creeks and swamps where our old people camped and gathered. Fresh water streams, which we call 'banabi', and swamps were commonly found the base of these enormous sand dunes.

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It is proposed to name ST2 'Banabi Street' to honour not only the geological characteristics of the Newmarket Site, but also its significance to the Indigenous Community as a water source, hunting area and campground utilised by the Indigenous Communities of Coastal Sydney.

RL1 Road – Fennelly Lane

RL1 Road is a rear lane that runs parallel to Jane Street and Botany Street and returns to connect Fennelly Street to Jane Street. The lane will provide rear access to the existing properties at 155-179 Botany Street and the 9 terrace houses constructed as part of the Newmarket development.

In previous consultations with Randwick City Council and the Geographical Names Board, it was advised that RL1 Road be named 'Fennelly Lane'. The advice was based on historical street naming custom that mandates that the road a lane share a name in road layouts with lanes parallel to the main road.

It is proposed that RL1 be named Fennelly Lane in accordance with Randwick City Council's advice outlined above.

It should be noted that the RL1 will provide access to the rear of the existing adjoining properties and the proposed terraces under the Stage 2 development works. The new terraces will have a Jane Street address and it is not proposed that the new properties will have a street address to Fennelly Lane.

Recommendation

This recommend naming strategy should be read in conjunction with Traditional Owner Led Connecting with Country Report dated November 2023.

The proposed names are as follows;

ST2 Road	Banabi Street
RL1	Fennelly Lane

Refer to **Figure 2** for masterplan denoted with the above proposed street names.

The selected names are in accordance with the Geographical Names Board NSW Addressing User Manual dated September 2016 under Section 6.7 "Principles of Road Naming".

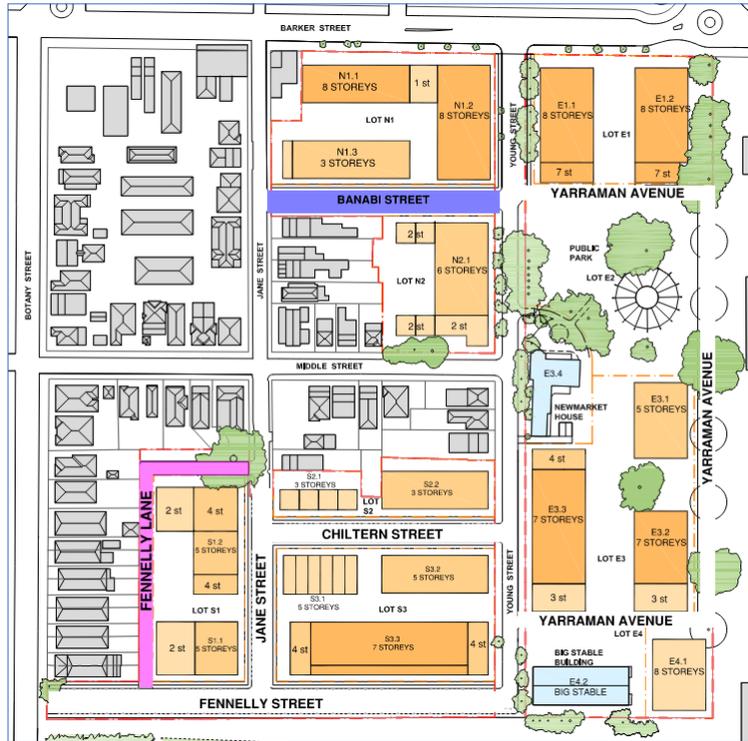


Figure 2. Masterplan denoted with park and street names.

Should you require any further information on the matter above, please contact the undersigned on 0411532583.

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Director City Services Report No. CS44/25

Subject: Hot Water Installation to Amenities under Coogee Promenade

Executive Summary

- At its Ordinary Meeting on 25 March 2025, Council resolved (Cr Martin / Cr Hamilton) to investigate the feasibility of installing hot water in existing beach and ocean pool amenities, with a specific focus on the Coogee Lower Promenade Amenities.
- Randwick City Council currently manages 41 public amenities across the Local Government Area (LGA), of which 22 do not have hot water infrastructure. The installation of hot water systems in public amenities presents several considerations, including cost, maintenance, energy efficiency, safety, and usage patterns. These factors are critical in determining the viability and sustainability of such upgrades.
- A preliminary assessment was conducted for the Coogee Lower Promenade Amenities, focusing on the provision of a hot water family change room shower (on a restricted timer). A high-level estimate provided by a Council panel contractor outlines a proposed scope of works, including the installation of a heavy-duty hot water unit, plumbing upgrades, safety devices, and associated electrical and building works. The total estimated cost for the installation is approximately \$80,000.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the installation of hot water (on a restricted timer) within the family change rooms toilets within the facility at Coogee Promenade Amenities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on the 25 March 2025, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Martin/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) investigate options to install hot water to the existing showers in the amenities under the promenade;
- b) include recommendations to install a hot option to showers either in the main change area or the family rooms;
- c) bring back a report detailing the possible options to install hot water to all existing Randwick city beaches and oceans and include all means to manage access and use; and
- d) request a report to be brought to Council exploring the options for installing hot water in existing showers at all beaches and ocean pool amenities in the Randwick LGA, with consideration of incorporating rooftop solar powered heating where possible.

This report provides an update to Councillors on the above resolution item a) and b).

Discussion

Background

The intention of this report is to provide the Council with the necessary information to make an informed decisions related to the resolution raised above. The report has been structured based upon;

- Background to the issue,
- Current infrastructure in place,
- Considerations
- Cost implications and
- Proposal based upon this information.

Council provides public amenities, including showers, for the community across the entire Randwick City Local Government Area. They are in a variety of locations and designed and built to a variety of Australian standards, building codes and specifications. Through Council’s Resourcing Strategy, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Capital Works Program, our public amenities asset lifecycle is managed through the operation, maintenance, construction and renewal phases.

Council spends considerable funding on the planning and design of our amenities buildings with consideration given to the end users of each particular facility for example, a sporting field will have different requirements, end users and specifications, to a public amenity building located at a reserve in proximity to the beach. The finalised design for any facility is endorsed by Council, end users and key stakeholders prior to construction.

Current Hot Water Infrastructure in Council Assets

Given the impact on Council’s Resourcing Strategy and operations, the investigation of including hot water to all amenities across the LGA, requires further analysis. A preliminary review has been conducted as outlined in Figure 1 below.

#	Hot Water	Asset Description	Usage
1	No	Shower Enclosure - Cromwell Park South (Includes Shower at Malabar Pool)	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
2	No	Outdoor Shower Enclosure - Goldstein Reserve	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
3	No	Outdoor Shower Enclosure - Maroubra Beach Reserve & South Maroubra (2 sets of showers)	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
4	No	Outdoor Shower Enclosure - Clovelly Beach Reserve	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
5	No	Outdoor Shower Enclosure - Little Bay Beach Reserve	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
6	No	Outdoor Shower Enclosure - Jack Vanny Reserve (Mahon Pool)	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
9	No	Mahon Pool Amenities - STRUCTUR - 13R Marine Parade, Maroubra	Outdoor Shower- multiple heads
7	No	Munda Street Reserve - Composting Toilet/Amenities - STRUCTUR - 21-29 Munda Street, Randwick	Public Amenities

#	Hot Water	Asset Description	Usage
8	No	La Perouse Amenities - STRUCTUR - Headland 1503R Anzac Parade, La Perouse	Public Amenities
10	No	Malabar Pool Amenities - STRUCTURE - 1-3R Fisherman's Road, Malabar	Public Amenities
11	No	South Maroubra Beach Amenities - STRUCTUR - Arthur Byrne Reserve	Public Amenities
12	No	Clovelly Café, Amenities & Office - STRUCTUR - 3-25R Eastbourne Avenue, Clovelly	Public Amenities
13	No	Coogee Beach Amenities - STRUCTUR - Arden Street, Coogee Beach, Coogee	Public Amenities
14	No	Goldstein Reserve Amenities - STRUCTUR - 199 Arden Street, Coogee Beach	Public Amenities
15	No	Mahon Pool Amenities - STRUCTUR - 13R Marine Parade, Maroubra	Public Amenities
16	No	Maroubra Beach Pavilion - STRUCTUR - 3R Marine Parade, Maroubra Toilets Amenities	Public Amenities
17	No	Baker Park Amenities - STRUCTUR - 2R Carr Street, Coogee	Public Amenities – no shower
18	No	Duningham Reserve Amenities - STRUCTUR - 2R Baden St, Coogee	Public Amenities – no shower
19	No	Grant Reserve Amenities - STRUCTUR - 151-191R Beach Street, Coogee	Public Amenities – no shower
20	No	Frenchman's Bay Amenities - STRUCTUR - 36-50R Endeavour Avenue, La Perouse	Public Amenities – no shower
21	No	Cromwell Park South Amenities - STRUCTUR - 241-243 Franklin Street, Malabar	Public Amenities – no shower
22	No	Malabar Junction Amenities - STRUCTUR - 1220R Anzac Parade Malabar	Public Amenities – no shower
23	Yes	Maroubra Beach Staff Amenities - STRUCTUR - 290-310R Fitzgerald Ave, Maroubra (Broadarrow Reserve)	RCC Staff Amenities
24	Yes	Depot – Amenities Female - STRUCTURE - 222-232 Storey Street, Maroubra	RCC Staff Amenities
25	Yes	Pioneers Park Amenities (bottom field) - STRUCTUR - 1160-1196 R Anzac Parade	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
26	Yes	Heffron Park - Building F - Southern Amenities - STRUCTUR- 30S Jersey Road, Maroubra (Next to Children's Bike Facility)	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
27	Yes	Coral Sea Park Amenities - STRUCTUR - 1-53R Yorktown Parade, Maroubra	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
28	Yes	Latham Park Amenities - STRUCTUR - 86R Moverley Road, Maroubra	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
29	Yes	Chifley Sports Reserve Amenities - STRUCTUR - 801-899 Bunnerong Road, Chifley	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
30	Yes	Burrows Park Amenities - STRUCTUR - 1-11 Ocean Street, Clovelly	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
31	Yes	Yarra Oval Kiosk, Office, Amenities - STRUCTUR - 44-54R Yarra Road, Phillip Bay	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
32	Yes	Pioneers Park Shed/Amenities - STRUCTUR - 1160-1196 R Anzac Parade, Malabar	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
33	Yes	Nagle Park Amenities/Kiosk - STRUCTUR - 28R Walsh Avenue, Maroubra	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
34	Yes	Snape Park Amenities/Store - STRUCTUR - 15R Snape Road, Maroubra	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
35	Yes	Heffron Park - Building C - Storage/Amenities Block - STRUCTUR - 417-439R Bunnerong Rd, Maroubra (next to Grass Netball Courts)	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
36	Yes	Heffron Park - Building G – South-Western Amenities - STRUCTUR - 417-439R Bunnerong Rd, Matraville	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
37	Yes	Heffron Park - Building A - Central Western Amenities - STRUCTUR - 441-445R Bunnerong Road, Maroubra	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
38	Yes	Paine Reserve Amenities - STRUCTUR - 187-203R Botany Street, Randwick	Sporting Amenities - multiple showers
39	Yes	Mclver Ladies Baths/Amenities - STRUCTUR - 151-191R Beach Street, Coogee	Under Lease Agreement – not in RCC care and control
40	Yes	Wylies Baths Ladies Changeroom Amenities - STRUCTUR - 4B Neptune Street, Coogee	Under Lease Agreement – not in RCC care and control
41	Yes	Wylies Baths Men's Changeroom Amenities - STRUCTUR - 4B Neptune Street, Coogee	Under Lease Agreement – not in RCC care and control

Figure 1 - Preliminary Review of Council Facilities with Hot Water Available

In summary of the noted 41 assets, 22 do not have hot water to the showers.

At this stage this report will consider the Coogee Lower Promenade Amenities only. The resolution of Council in March 2025, seeks to install hot water to showers either in the main change area or the family rooms of the existing facility.

Hot Water Unit Considerations:

When designing a facility, Council Officers consider the following factors as to when or when not to include hot water to publicly accessible showers:

Cost and maintenance

- Installing and maintaining hot water systems in public toilets is expensive. It involves water heaters, plumbing, and regular maintenance to ensure safety and functionality.
- Hot water systems are more prone to vandalism and theft, especially in unattended or remote locations.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

- Councils aim to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. Providing only cold water helps minimize energy use, aligning with sustainability goals.

Health and Safety Regulations

- Regulations typically do not mandate hot water for general public use unless the facility is for food preparation or healthcare.

Usage Patterns

- Public toilets are primarily used for short visits. Cold water is generally considered adequate for hygiene purposes, especially when combined with soap and proper signage.
- Usage of facilities by back packers would incur community ire and impact Council reputationally.

Risk Management

- Hot water systems can pose burn risks, especially to children or vulnerable individuals
- Retrospectively installing hot water to these amenities is a risk comes with increased capital and maintenance costs.

Proposal

A high-level estimate was provided to install hot water to the family shower at Coogee Lower Promenade Amenities from one of Councils panel contractors. The aim to understand the cost to install a hot water unit in the existing facility. Based upon the review the proposed scope of works is noted as;

- Installation of 1x Heavy Duty Rheem Hot Water Unit,
- Installation of dual circulating pump set and controller,
- Run flow and return pipework with insulation to all existing fixtures that require hot water within the amenities block,
- Cut open walls to rough-in hot water pipework to each shower,
- Replace shower valves to allow for hot/cold water operation,
- Install thermos valve safety devices to prevent scalding,
- Commission of hot water system and pumps

In addition to the noted scope these additional works will be required to complete the works outside of the plumbing component;

- Waterproofing of shower walls once new hot water services are installed

- Re-tiling/make good to walls and ceilings after roughing in services
- Electrical works to new proposed hot water system location
- The upgrading of any plumbing, drainage, storm water or gas, other than specified above.

The estimate provide was approximately \$80,000.

the installation of hot water could be accommodated within the family change rooms toilets within the facility at Coogee Lower Promenade Amenities. The proposed recommendation would seek to install hot water (on a restricted timer) to the family change room facilities to accommodate the usage by residents and the community.



Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A city dedicated to the individual and collective health, wellbeing and safety of the community
Objective	An overall stabilisation and improvement in safety, health and wellbeing indicators.
Delivery program commitment	Implement measures to maintain the physical safety and wellbeing of the community, including ranger services.
Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
Function	Financial Management and Control
Delivery program commitment	Support Council's sustainable delivery of projects and services through sound Financial Management and Control, including long term financial planning, budget preparation, and financial performance monitoring.

Risks

Risk Category	Risk Description	Risk Mitigation
Reputational Risk	The perception of Council spending funding on retrofitting a building that has already been designed specifically to meet end user requirements	Reducing the scope of works but also by meeting the needs of the community by installing hot water in the family change room only.
Financial Risk	The cost of installation and ongoing care and maintenance of the units, not within current allocated operational or capital budgets	Reducing the proposed scope of works to include the family rooms only will negate and reduce this impact.
Environmental Sustainability Risk	The impacts to Councils environmental strategic approach by installation of hot water units in public amenities, even in consideration of PV cell installation.	The impacts by installing hot water units at all facilities would negatively impact Councils strategic approach by reducing scope of works this will be negated.
Community Perception	Community opposition, due to perceived usage from back packers' and their usage of Council facilities	The location of the family change rooms is within the public amenities and access can be restricted upon the facilities closure.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Based upon the proceeding information and considerations, it is recommended to commence with the installation of the hot water unit to the family change room at the Coogee Promenade Amenities based upon the provided scope of works, at an estimated cost of \$80,000.

Funding is available in the 2025/26 Operational Budget Plan and Delivery Program - Capital Works Program

Policy and legislative requirements

- Local Government Act 1993
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

Conclusion

A proposal has been provided and a recommendation to install hot water (on a restricted timer) to the family change room at the Coogee Promenade Amenities, to meet the need of the community.

Responsible officer: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

File Reference: F2019/00686

Director City Services Report No. CS45/25

Subject: Coogee Bay Road Festoon Lighting

Executive Summary

- At its meeting on 29 April 2025, Council resolved (Cr Martin / Cr Hamilton) to explore the installation of festoon lighting along Coogee Bay Road for a three-month trial, with a view to assessing its long-term viability through community consultation and technical evaluation.
- This report updates Council on the feasibility and proposed implementation of festoon lighting along Coogee Bay Road between Arden Street and Brook Street.
- Council officers assessed suitable lighting fixtures and installation methods, infrastructure ownership and liability risks, and Long-term maintenance and feasibility.
- It was determined that Ausgrid-owned poles are unsuitable due to complex approval requirements, Council-owned “Hub” poles are viable for installation and Private property connections pose liability risks and are excluded from the proposal.
- It is recommended that Council proceed with the Festoon Lighting Ladder Pattern Option, which uses Council-owned infrastructure only, minimizes light spill with directional fittings and aligns with engineering advice for safety and durability.
- Additionally, it is recommended that the trail of the festoon lighting extends to the end of the *Coogee Night Activation* in early 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the commencement of the trial of the festoon lighting along Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street to Brook Street, Coogee;
- b) endorse the trial period extending until the completion of the *Coogee Nights* activation in early 2026.
- c) endorse the use of the Festoon Lighting Ladder Pattern Option, costing approximately \$123,000.00 which is available in the 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget; and
- d) note following the end of the trial period a report will be brought back to Council following community consultation on feedback and permanency of festoon lights.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its ordinary meeting on the 29 April 2025, Council resolved the following:

RESOLUTION: (Martin/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) investigate options to install festoon lighting along the Coogee Bay Road restaurant strip between Arden Street and Brook Street, as well as the Meek Street Plaza, for a three-month trial;
- b) undertake community consultation to gather feedback from local residents, businesses, and stakeholders regarding making permanent the festoon lighting; and
- c) bring back a report detailing the possible lighting options, including solar-powered alternatives and directional shade covers to limit impact on residents.

This report provides an update to Councillors on item a) “Coogee Bay Road segment” only of the resolution.

Discussion

The intention of this report is to provide the Council with the necessary information to make an informed decision related to the resolution regarding festoon lighting on Coogee Bay Road.

Background

Council Officers have undertaken an investigation into the feasibility of installing festoon lighting along Coogee Bay Road, Coogee, between Arden Street and Brook Street. The investigation considered:

- Lighting fixture types,
- Suited installation methodology,
- Ownership of infrastructure,
- Maintenance and long-term feasibility etc.

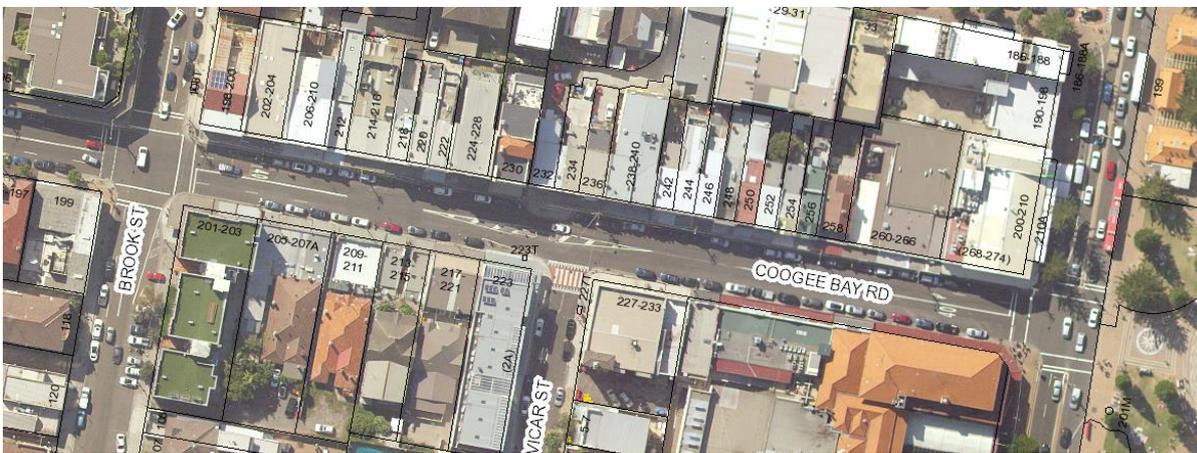


Figure 1 - Coogee Bay Road between Brook Street and Arden Street

Festoon lights are also known as string lights, or party lights. They are strings of hanging light globes/bulbs hung from two different structures (posts, beams, poles, etc.). These lights provide aesthetic appeal to any room or area, as well as pairing perfectly with any theme.



The investigation identified several considerations relating to the installation of the lighting and supporting wire:

- Electrical poles owned by Ausgrid and are not able to be used for installation of festoon lighting without significant approval and design processes.
- Smart “hub” Poles are owned by Council and are more suited to the installation of festoon lighting and connection mechanisms.
- Connection of lighting and wire to private residences/businesses incurs a liability risk to Council. This is related to potential damages to properties and would require formal approval off landowners.

Based upon these considerations Council proposes to use Council ‘Hub’ light poles to facilitate the installation of the lighting.

Several opportunities were investigated by Council Officers with two (2) options provided for Council consideration. Considerations were applied to fixture types, installation methodology, ownership of infrastructure, maintenance and long-term feasibility etc.

Option 1: Zig Zag Pattern

- Installation of Warm Festoon Lighting along Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street and Brook Street.
- The lighting is to be installed in a zig zag pattern down the street
- These works include an 8mm stainless steel cables for suspension of the festoon between poles.
- The scope of works is estimated at \$70,000 to supply and install.



Figure 2 - Option 1 Zig Zag Installation

Option 2: Ladder Pattern

- Installation of Warm Festoon Lighting along Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street and Brook Street.
- This includes 8mm stainless steel cables for suspension of the festoon between poles.
- An additional engineering investigation and report is required to determine load requirements of catenary wire prior to installation.
- The lighting to be installed in a ladder pattern down the street, crossing the road at designated intervals based upon engineering advice.
- The scope of works is estimated at \$123,000 to supply and install.



Proposal

Based upon the considerations above and the options provided, it is recommended to proceed with the installation of Option 2:

- the lighting to be installed in a ladder pattern down the street, crossing the road at designated intervals based upon engineering advice.
- Council should be aware that no private connections are required in this proposal
- Light Fittings to be installed to prevent “up” luminance from residential properties as best as possible.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 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.
Delivery program commitment	Work with the NSW state government through representation on relevant state committees and working groups to share resources and collaborate on night-time initiatives.
Outcome	A city that attracts people from around Australia and the world to do business, work and visit
Objective	Increase Randwick City’s visitor spend to 2.5% of NSW total visitor spend by 2032.
Delivery program commitment	Support a visitor economy and destination campaign for Randwick by promoting our businesses, showcasing our unique geographical and cultural offerings, and creating a strong visual brand by 2032.

Risks

Risk Category	Risk Description	Risk Mitigation
Reputational Risk	Light and electrical poles are owned by Ausgrid, design and approval process.	Location of festoon lighting on Councils 'Hub' poles
Financial Risk	Connection of festoon lighting to private property.	No connection to private residences, increased liability risk to Council, use of Council assets.
Financial Risk	Weather and Environmental risks from wind and UV degradation on lighting	Use of the correct specified lighting and engineering advice on catenary wire.
Reputational Risk	Light spill and pollution because of additional lighting.	Use of the correct specified lighting
Community Perception	Community dissatisfaction with the installation of the festoon lighting increasing the overall light pollution of the area.	Use of the correct specified lighting and community consultation proceeding trial.

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Resourcing Strategy implications

Based upon the proceeding information and considerations, it is recommended to commence with the installation of Option 2, at an estimated cost of \$123,000.

Funding for this scope of works has been carried forward from the 2024-25 Operational Budget to the 2025-26 Operational Budget – Capital Works Program.

Policy and legislative requirements

- New South Wales Local Government Act 2020
- New South Wales Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

Conclusion

Based upon the information provided it is recommended to commence with the trial of the festoon lighting along Coogee Bay Road, Coogee. Based upon the proposal, it is recommended to proceed with Option 2 – Ladder Pattern costing approximately \$123,000. Following the end of the 3-month trial period a Report back to Council following community consultation on feedback and permanency of festoon lights.

Responsible officer: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

File Reference: F2019/00686

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC23/25

Subject: Taking Action on Gender Based Violence

Executive Summary

- At its Ordinary Meeting on 27 May 2025, it was resolved (Cr Veitch/Cr Willington) that Council notes the significance of gender based violence and receives a report on how Council can increase its direct funding for housing and support services for survivors of family and domestic violence.
- Council's role in addressing family and domestic violence (FDV) is in primary prevention (including advocacy and raising community awareness), sector capacity building, and in the provision of safe community spaces and occasional grant funding for initiatives and services that respond to FDV.
- Council's commitment to address the shortage of safe accommodation for women and their dependent children escaping violence is through the provision of transitional housing. The allocation and expansion of Council's transitional housing stock is guided by the Affordable Housing Strategy, currently on public exhibition.
- The NSW Government provides funding for safe accommodation and direct specialist services for individuals who have experienced family and domestic violence. Implementation of the NSW Government Crisis Intervention Package has commenced, and aims to bolster funding for services and accommodation to better meet demand. The funding initiative is not anticipated to present new funding opportunity for Council, however information about the funding initiative has been provided among regional sector networks for service planning and further sector advocacy.
- This report overviews Randwick City Council's current and planned efforts to facilitate the increased resourcing for local housing and support services that support victim-survivors for FDV.

Recommendation

That Council notes the current and planned efforts to facilitate the increased resourcing for local housing and support services that support victim-survivors of family and domestic violence.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its Ordinary Meeting on 27 May 2025, it was resolved:

(Veitch/Willington) that Council:

- a) notes that Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected;
- b) notes that 103 Australian women and 16 children were killed in 2024, with 30 women and 11 children killed in the period January to May 2025 (at time of writing);
- c) expresses our sorrow at the death of Randwick resident Claire Austin, who died due to an alleged Domestic Violence incident on April 15;
- d) remembers and expresses our deepest sympathies to the victims and survivors impacted by the 13 April 2024 attack in Bondi Junction. Five of the six people killed in the attack were women, as were nine of the twelve people who were injured;
- e) calls on all levels of government and community to join forces to address the global pandemic of violence against women and girls, and the problems of gender-based violence that affect people in our community;
- f) notes the events being held and the work that is being done by Council to address issues around gender-based violence, including the Family and Domestic Violence Community Vigil, which was held on May 7;
- g) commends the work of the UNSEEN Women's Artists Group and their exhibition at the Bowen Library, which tackles issues relating to gender-based violence, disability and homelessness;
- h) holds a minute's silence in remembrance of Claire Austin and all victims of gender-based violence; and
- i) receives a report on how council can increase its direct funding for housing and support services for survivors of Family and Domestic Violence.

This report notes items a) to h). All levels of Government are invited and participate in Council's Step Out Speak Out Walk, Remembrance Vigil, and FDV education and awareness events.

This report responds directly to item i) of the resolution. This report does not recommend any additional funding allocation at this stage, noting that there is a strategy on Affordable Housing currently on exhibition and further opportunities for Council to consider in the next 12 months.

Council also prioritises DV services as part of the Community Investment Program Partnerships Funding, with a number of ongoing partnerships providing direct support to survivors of FDV. Other activities that address primary prevention, education and advocacy are currently funded on an ongoing basis.

Discussion

Prevalence data cited by the Resolution highlights the critical need for increased housing and support services for victim-survivors of Family and Domestic Violence (FDV). The lack of accessible transitional housing for women and their dependent children is a leading causal factor in homelessness presentations for this cohort, and can also result in women and children remaining in FDV scenarios.

This report overviews Randwick City Council's current and planned efforts to facilitate the increased resourcing for local housing and support services that support victim-survivors of FDV.

Primary Prevention

The role of local government in addressing FDV is predominately through primary prevention. This includes community education and awareness raising activities, and with the provision of information and referral for community members in need.

Each year Council allocates funding to deliver this work, which includes the following activities:

- Step Out Speak Out Walk, community awareness raising initiative held annually in partnership with the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command and local high schools
- The Remembrance Vigil hosted each May on National DV Remembrance Day
- Allies Against Violence, community education initiative during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence 2024 and 2025
- Art exhibitions and film screenings are held periodically throughout the year as community awareness raising initiatives
- Facilitation of Love Bites training for youth in 2023, and Coercive Control training for spiritual and community leaders in 2024
- Publication of the biannual Parenting Calendar including workshops, seminars, speakers and resources made available through the network of local family and children's services
- Production and distribution of multilingual wallet cards on coercive control and non-fatal strangulation
- Provision of referrals to specialist services for community members in need

Sector Capacity Building

Council is a cofacilitator of the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network that works collaboratively across the Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra and Bayside LGAs. The Network meets regularly to build the capacity of local specialist service providers and disseminate information and referral material in the community.

Provision of Safe Spaces in the Community

Council assets and facilities provide dedicated safe space for outreach services. The best example of this is the Hub@Lexo providing weekly closed-door drop-in programs by local specialist services for women and their dependent children experiencing FDV.

Council also provides fee support for community-based recovery programs held in Council facilities. Recently, these have included:

- Hope and Heal Urban Retreat
- Stepping Out Social Inclusion Program
- Women for Women
- St Vincent De Paul Society

Financial Support for Local Services

Council entered a 5-year agreement (2023-2028) with the Deli Women and Children's Centre. The Agreement ensures the provision of a minimum of 21 hours per week of outreach support services for Randwick LGA residents affected by domestic and family violence.

Through the Community Investment Program, Council provides multi-year grants for professional services that reach victim-survivors of FDV. The organisations currently funded through the Partnerships stream of the Community Investment Program include:

- Bondi Beach Cottage
- The Lokahi Foundation
- Caretakers Cottage

Transitional Housing

Council's Affordable Housing Program includes transitional housing for women and their dependent children who have been victims of FDV and reside in emergency accommodation. Council's commitment to address the shortage of transitional housing is through the provision of nine (9) 2-bedroom properties. Council engages specialist Community Housing Providers for property management, tenancy selection, and case management and/or capacity building activities. All nine properties are currently leased to women and their dependent children who have left violence, on a 3-year lease term.

Expansion of Council's transitional housing stock is in accordance with the Affordable Housing Strategy (currently on public exhibition). Future opportunity is earmarked for the Kensington to Kingsford development and the potential designation of Council-owned properties in Maroubra.

Recent Funding Announcements, NSW Government

On 1 July 2025, the NSW Government commenced the implementation of the \$30.4 million Crisis Intervention Package to ensure people experiencing vulnerability, including FDV and/or homelessness, have access to direct services and safe accommodation. The package includes \$20 million to expand crisis and transitional housing, and fund specialist frontline support services for victim-survivors of FDV.

This funding expands the NSW Governments’ response to FDV and is not anticipated to present funding opportunity for Council, however it will build and maintain social housing, prioritising new homes built for women and children fleeing family and domestic violence.

Information about the Crisis Intervention Package has been shared among the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network, and the Eastern Suburbs Homelessness Assertive-Outreach Collaborative for service planning and further sector advocacy.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A city dedicated to the individual and collective health, wellbeing and safety of the community
Objective	An overall stabilisation and improvement in safety, health and wellbeing indicators.
Delivery program commitment	Implement measures to maintain the physical safety and wellbeing of the community, including lifeguard services.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Misalignment between community expectations and the role of Council	This risk has been mitigated through confirmation of the role of local government in addressing family and domestic violence, and acknowledges responsibility for increased funding for housing and direct service delivery to NSW Government.
The implementation of the NSW Government Crisis Response Package has little impact for Randwick residents	Information about the Crisis Intervention Package has been shared among the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network, and the Eastern Suburbs Homelessness Assertive-Outreach Collaborative for service planning and further sector advocacy.
Lack of housing and support services for women escaping FDV	There is currently a range of support offered via prevention, sector capacity building, provision of spaces for organisations providing outreach and financial support for local services. Council Officers will continue to consider opportunities for transitional housing as they arise, in line with the Council’s strategic direction and Affordable Housing Strategy, and the potential designation of Council-owned properties.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Continued implementation of the activities cited by this report pose no additional costs for Council as they have been funded.

The NSW Government Crisis Intervention Package is not anticipated to present new funding opportunity for Council.

If opportunities arise, further reporting to Council will occur.

Policy and legislative requirements

Nil.

Conclusion

Prevalence data underscores the critical demand for expanded transitional housing options and better-resourced specialist services for victim-survivors of FDV. The shortage of accessible transitional housing for women and their dependent children is a key contributing factor to homelessness within this group, and also results in the perpetuation of unsafe and violent domestic relationships.

Council's role in the provision of primary prevention and sector capacity building provides the foundation required for the implementation of NSW Government funding initiatives, such as the 2025 Crisis Intervention Package. The Package will significantly boost resources to ensure people experiencing FDV and/or homelessness have access to direct services and safe accommodation. Information about the funding initiative has been provided among the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network, and the Eastern Suburbs Homelessness Assertive-Outreach Collaborative for service planning and further sector advocacy.

The expansion of Council's own portfolio of transitional housing is guided by the Affordable Housing Strategy (currently on public exhibition).

This report outlines Randwick City Council's efforts to facilitate the increased resourcing of local transitional housing and specialist support services for victim-survivors of FDV.

Responsible officer: Trina Soulos, Manager Community Development

File Reference: F2013/00153

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC24/25

Subject: Temporary suspension of an Alcohol Free Zone at Kensington Park on 18 October 2025 for the Multicultural Event

Executive Summary

- At the 26 November 2024 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved (Cr Luxford/ Cr Veitch) to approve the proposal for a significant Multicultural Event to be hosted at Kensington Oval in October 2025.
- The proposed event will be held from 2.00pm to 10.00pm on Saturday 18 October, and will feature a program of music, cultural performances, cultural workshops and immersion experiences, and diverse offering of food and drink.
- As part of the event it is proposed to include a third party managed, pop up licenced bar area.
- Kensington Park, including the Oval, is currently managed by Council as an Alcohol Free Zone from sunset to sunrise. For the date of the event being 18 October 2024, sunset is estimated to be at 7pm.
- In order to deliver the scope and meet the objectives of the Multicultural event including an enticing food and drink program, it is put forward for Council's consideration that the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) restrictions for Kensington Oval be temporarily suspended on 18 October 2025, from 2.00pm until 10.00pm to allow operation of a licenced Bar area.
- The proposal is supported by the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command and will be managed by dedicated security with accredited RSA management in place.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone restrictions for Kensington Park on 18 October 2025, from 2pm to 10pm to allow operation of a licenced bar area in the event footprint.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its Ordinary Meeting on 26 November 2024, it was resolved:

(Cr Luxford/Cr Veitch) that Council approve:

- a) the proposal for a significant Multicultural Event to be hosted by Council following the format outlined in this Report with an approximate budget of \$262,845.00;
- b) that the Event is held in October 2025 with a budget allocation to be considered in the 2024-25 budget; and/or possibly match funded by the Multicultural NSW grants program; and
- c) that the proposed Event is held at Kensington Oval.

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's endorsement of a temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone status of Kensington Park, for the planned date of the Multicultural Event being Saturday 18 October 2025, to allow for the managed trade and consumption of alcohol as part of the food and drink element of the event.

Kensington Park and Oval are currently an Alcohol Free Zone from sunset to sunrise. The period of suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone being requested will apply from 2.00pm – 10.00pm on 18 October 2025 and will be within the Kensington Oval footprint.

The proposal is supported by the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command.

Discussion

At the 26 November 2024 Council meeting, a Multicultural event was endorsed for planning and delivery in October 2025 at Kensington Oval.

The event is planned for a 2.00pm to 10.00pm activation within the Kensington Park oval on Saturday 18 October. The event outline celebrates Randwick's many cultural communities through a wide ranging program of music, cultural performances, cultural workshops and immersion experiences, access to services and at the heart of the event, a rich and diverse offering of food and drink.

As a new Council event, attendance numbers are estimated to be approximately 10,000 for the duration of the event. This is modelled on similar Council activations to scale such as the Randwick Markets and The Spot Festival in its early inception phase.

The event will feature diverse mobile and stallholder food offerings from around the globe, and is also intended that the event will feature a licensed area with bar service, offering a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for attendees.

To mitigate any antisocial behaviour and to comply with the Office of Liquor and Gaming requirements, the proposed bar area will be managed and delivered by a third party, reputable licenced provider, and the bar area will be within an enclosed and monitored area. The event will have ample security on site including an RSA Marshall situated at the bar area and will be further invigilated by council staff and site managers.

The proposed Alcohol Free Zone for this event is as below:



It is proposed that the bar area will be allocated a footprint where attendees can sit and have their drinks. The proposed lifting of the AFZ is for the whole oval to provide flexibility in planning the event in discussion with the bar operator. The sale and supply will be closely managed by security.

The Eastern Beaches Police Area Command have been consulted on this proposal and have raised no objection.

Once approved, notice for the temporary amendment to the Alcohol Free Zone at Kensington Park will be publicly exhibited on Council's website, and temporary signage will be installed.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with diverse, active places for businesses, including vibrant town and neighbourhood centres
Objective	Ensure 86% or more of our community are satisfied* with the vitality of town centres by 2032.
Delivery program commitment	Continue to support the operation of food trucks, food vans, and markets that are well located to foster community engagement.

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	Activate spaces to create an experience where people feel connected and/or inspired.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
Antisocial behaviour due to excessive alcohol consumption	<i>RSA Officer manages bar area and ensures responsible consumption of alcohol including underage drinking risks. Police will also be in attendance and the event will have a significant number of security on-site.</i>
Reputational risk for Council for family friendly event	<i>Bar operator appointed is experienced with high standard of presentation and professionalism, and quality / bespoke offerings of drinks selection</i>
Underage drinking risks	<i>RSA Officer manages bar area and ensures responsible management of underage guests</i>
Alcohol brought in from outside the bar	<i>The event will not be promoted as a BYO event, and security and police will assist with the management of this.</i>
Misalignment with cultural traditions	<i>Provision of non-alcoholic drinks services and well managed bar area in terms of crowd safety and customer experience</i>
Glass	<i>It will be a no-glass event. Security will be managing this and there will be signage.</i>

Resourcing Strategy implications

The event budget was endorsed, with no additional resource implications.

As a one-off event it is not proposed to charge a fee for the operator, however cost recovery will apply.

Policy and legislative requirements

Liquor Act 2007.

Conclusion

In order to deliver the endorsed and exciting program for the Multicultural Event and to attract a wide range of visitor demographics, a carefully curated pop bar is a key element of the food and drink offerings.

As such, and with in principle support from the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command, a temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone restrictions for Kensington Park is required for Saturday 18 October from 2pm to 10pm.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2024/00355

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC25/25

Subject: A Mural Proposal for the Surf Rescue 30 Building, Malabar

Executive Summary

- At its Ordinary Meeting on 27 August 2024, Council resolved (Cr Said/ Cr Chapple) that Council investigates a mural on the western wall of the Surf Rescue 30 building, based on historical photographs of the original Malabar Surf Lifesaving Club.
- In response, the Arts and Culture team have developed a proposed plan for the delivery of a site-specific mural, including stakeholder engagement, community consultation and a curatorial brief that reflects the historical, environmental and cultural context relevant to the site.
- The estimated cost of the project would be \$35,000, with funding to be identified within an existing 2025/26 budget allocation.
- The project proposes a direct invitation process to five selected artists, based on their experience, alignment with the mural brief and consultation capability, and further in line with procurement policy and National Association of the Visual Arts (NAVA) standards.
- Community consultation would be undertaken with Surf Rescue 30, Surf Live Saving NSW, South Maroubra SLSC, the Malabar Precinct and local residents, informing the concept design which will be subject to internal approval and a final public feedback process.
- The mural is expected to be delivered within the 2025-26 financial year.
- The development and delivery of the proposed Surf Rescue Building mural precedes the final Public Art Plan to be presented to Council, which will include a management strategy on the commissioning and management of murals as public art.
- Given the scope of the project, internal assessment with input from an Arts and Culture Advisory Committee representative is appropriate approval for this Mural.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorses the proposed project scope for a mural for the Surf Rescue 30 building including artist procurement, stakeholder engagement and mural delivery;
- b) notes that the final design will be subject to community consultation and internal approval processes prior to delivery; and
- c) notes that the estimated budget for this project is \$35,000, to be sourced from the 2025/26 budget.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At the Council meeting on 27 August 2024, it was resolved

(Cr Said/Cr Chapple) that Council:

- a) investigate the painting a mural on the western wall of the Surf Rescue 30 building, with a mural based on historical photographs of the original Malabar Surf Lifesaving Club; and
- b) engage with stakeholders such as Malabar Precinct, Surf Rescue 30 and South Maroubra SLSC.

This Report responds to the above Council Resolution and seeks Council's endorsement for the proposed development and delivery plan for an appropriate mural at the Surf Rescue 30 Building in Malabar.

Discussion

The Surf Rescue 30 building at the corner of Dacre and Fishermans Road in Malabar presents a prominent coastal façade and an opportunity for public art that reflects the strong local identity of the area.

The western wall, currently a blank grey surface, has been identified by local residents and the Malabar Precinct as a potential site for a mural that honours the legacy of the original Malabar Surf Life Saving Club, which relocated following significant storm damage. The mural aims to reflect themes of surf lifesaving, local history, and the unique coastal environment.



Surf Rescue 30 Building, Corner of Dacre and Fishermans Road, Malabar.

Proposed Commissioning Process

The proposed commissioning process in order to deliver a significant and impactful mural has been identified by Council Officers. This would comprise direct invitation to quote from five mural artists whose creative practice and professional experience aligns with this site.

The quotation process would be based on the National Association of Visual Arts (NAVA) Payment Standards Code. Submissions will be evaluated against the quality of the service, experience in previous projects and alignment with the expected budget based on NAVA guideline and in line with Council's procurement policy.

As part of the quoting process, artists will be required to provide:

- Mural portfolio which includes previous work of a similar nature
- Detailed budget of artist fees and material costs
- Community engagement experience and plan
- Written description of proposed artwork concept

Council staff will assess and appoint the successful artist based on the quality of the service, experience in previous projects and alignment with the expected budget.

Curatorial Statement

The artists would be expected to respond to the following Curatorial Statement:

This prominent coastal site is home to a long-standing surf rescue service and is closely tied to the stories of safety, sea, and community.

Council is seeking a mural that reflects the history of surf lifesaving, historical images of the old Malabar Surf Rescue Building, and the broader unique local history of Malabar — including its significant coastal ecosystems and community spirit.

The successful artist will be required to engage in community consultation as part of the concept development process. This will include connecting with local stakeholders to listen, reflect and ensure the mural resonates with those who live, work and volunteer in the area. Randwick City Council will support this engagement process.

This mural is envisaged to be a legacy artwork that respects its site and fosters connection, memory and local pride.

Community Engagement

Initial discussions with Surf Life Saving Sydney and Surf Rescue 30 have indicated in-principle support. As an enduring public artwork, the mural will be shaped through consultation with key local stakeholders and residents.

The consultation would be artist-led and supported by Council Officers, and is proposed to include:

- **3 x 1-hour sessions** with:
 - Surf Rescue 30 Malabar, Surf Life Saving Sydney
 - South Maroubra SLSC
 - Malabar Precinct
- **1 x half-day drop-in session** for Dacre Street residents and the broader community

The artist would be expected to synthesise insights from these sessions to develop a draft design, which will undergo internal Council approval before being displayed on-site as well as distributed to relevant stakeholders for a two-week community feedback period.

The final feedback will be evaluated by Council Officers to pass onto the artist if any changes are required, with scope for further revisions if needed in the process.

Given the scope of the project, internal assessment with input from an Arts and Culture Advisory Committee representative is appropriate approval for this Mural. It is not considered of a scale required to be assessed by the Public Art Panel.

Timeline

Pending artist selection and consultation, the mural is expected to be delivered within the next 12 months.

Accessibility, Protection and Community Celebration

In line with Council's commitment to inclusive public spaces, the mural will incorporate accessible features to ensure broader community engagement. The completed artwork will be accompanied

by audio description and braille signage, to support access for people who are blind or have low vision. These elements will help to expand the reach and meaning of the mural, enabling people of all abilities to engage with the artwork and the story it tells.

To preserve the longevity and integrity of the mural, the wall will be professionally prepared and sealed with an anti-graffiti coating. Upon completion, Council will host a community launch event to celebrate the new public artwork, providing an opportunity for local residents, stakeholders and community groups to come together and recognise this creative addition to their coastal environment.

Alignment with a Council Public Art Plan

The development and delivery of the proposed Surf Rescue Building mural precedes the finalisation of the Public Art Plan to be presented to Council later in 2025, which will include a management strategy on the commissioning and management of murals as public art.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 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 that is inclusive of our diverse communities and recognises the contribution of First Nations people by 2031.
Delivery program commitment	Support the planning and/or delivery of public art across the City guided by the Cultural Vision and Public Art Plan.
Delivery program commitment	Diversify Council's program of cultural activities and events to allow broad coverage across the local area from 2025.
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	Support activities and initiatives that amplify the stories of the cultural heritage of the city by 2032.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
<i>Project not meeting delivery timeframe</i>	There is a risk that this project may not proceed within the proposed timeframe due to the availability of suitable artists, potential delays in stakeholder consultation, or insufficient resourcing within current operational budgets. This will be mitigated by close project management, milestone reporting and adherence to procurement updates.
<i>Community dissatisfaction if project does not happen</i>	If the project does not go ahead, there is likely to be continued dissatisfaction from local stakeholders and a missed opportunity to address a prominent blank wall with meaningful public art that reflects local identity and history.

	Community consultation will keep community informed and engaged in the process and maximise appreciation of Council's commitment to the project.
<i>Community does not support the final artwork</i>	The process as outlined in this Report provides open-ended community engagement with the design to inform the development of the artwork and will be responsive to feedback.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The estimated budget for the mural is \$35,000, inclusive of artist fees, wall preparation, community consultation, accessibility measures, equipment hire and a public launch. The artist fee is based on comparable projects in other local councils and aligns with National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) recommendations.

If endorsed, funding for this project will to be sourced from 2025/26 Arts and Culture program budget and the Capital Works Public Arts budget.

Conclusion

In response to a Council Resolution to investigate a potential public mural for the Surf Rescue 30 building in Malabar, Council staff have developed a proposed plan of action to commission a mural for this prominent site. This includes an artist procurement process consistent with Council policy, a comprehensive community engagement strategy and a curatorial brief that reflects Malabar's unique history and identity.

The proposed project will deliver a legacy artwork in a highly visible site, developed through meaningful community input and with an overarching industry standard approach to artist engagement.

Responsible officer: Emmaly Langridge, Head Arts and Culture

File Reference: F2023/00302

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO42/25

Subject: 2024-25 Quarterly Progress Report

Executive Summary

- Progress Reports provide an update on the progress towards the implementation of the four-year Delivery Program 2022-26 and one-year Operational Plan 2024-25.
- The Randwick City Council Operational Plan 2024-25 contains 178 activities reported in Table A relating to the Community Strategic Plan and Informing Strategies and 164 activities relating to the provision of services required by our community and complying with regulatory functions.
- This report provides Council's progress results for the period from 1 April 2025 – 30 June 2025 (Q4).
- Of the total 342 indicators, 90% have been achieved or have been carried forward to 2025-26.
- Of the Table A activities, 92% have been achieved or have been carried forward to 2025-26.
- 88% of Table B have been achieved or have been carried forward.

Recommendation

That the information contained in the attached Quarterly Progress Report for the 2024-25 Operational Plan be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2024-25 Q4 Quarterly Progress Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present 2024-25 Quarterly Progress to the Council.

The Quarterly Progress Report is a report on progress of the implementation of the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2024-25.

This Report covers the progress over the fourth quarter of the 2024-25 financial year.

Discussion

The 2022-26 Delivery Program was adopted in June 2022 and covers the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

The Delivery Program is a four-year program outlining how Council will work towards:

- a. Delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (CSP); and
- b. Providing the ongoing services required by our community and comply with regulatory functions.

The Operational Plan details the individual projects and actions that will be undertaken each financial year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program. Each Operational Plan activity has at least one indicator to track performance against identified targets. The 2024-25 Operational Plan was adopted in June 2024 and is for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Projects, programs, and services are categorised into Table A for Informing Strategy activities and Table B for regulatory and regular services provided by Council.

What we measure

2024-25 Progress Reports include two types of performance indicators:

- 1. Indicators which show progress towards an objective or deliverable, for example an agreed work plan
- 2. Indicators which measure success in achieving a goal such as resolving 95% of service requests within the service level agreement period.

How we measure progress

The progress report is presented in two tables:

Table A: Tracks progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan and the seven Informing Strategies.

Table B: Tracks performance in providing the ongoing regulatory and council services required by our community.

Performance is measured against the target value for each indicator. A progress indicator for each activity is provided for easy reference. This table provides examples of performance results and the corresponding progress indicators:

Performance Result	Example	Progress Indicator
Target achieved for year	Completed an amenity block upgrade project	●
Target achieved for quarter	SLA of 90% for requests in quarter	●
Removed	Removed from Operational Plan	●
Carried Forward	75% complete; will be completed in the new financial year	●
Not achieved by target date	Complete 100% of review of draft policy in Q1	●
Not achieved in the quarter	Inspected only 10 of 15 nominated drains	●

Below is the summary of progress indicators in the Progress Report:

- Achieved
- Carried Forward
- Removed
- Not achieved

Summary of Performance

In Quarter 4, there were 342 indicators tracking progress of the Operational Plan activities scheduled in the quarter:

- 178 indicators measured progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan and seven informing strategies (Table A)
- 164 indicators measured progress in providing the ongoing services required by our community and complying with regulatory obligations (Table B)

Of the total 342 indicators, 90% have been achieved, removed or have been carried forward to 2025-26

Operational Plan Indicators - Monitoring Progress



2024-25 Q4 Activities Carried Forward

16 activities have been **carried forward** to the 2025-26 financial year.

The following 4 activities from the Environment and Integrated Transport Informing Strategies, have been carried forward due to an unsuccessful grant application detailed in a GM Update on 24th April 2025.

- A2.6.1** Identify and install additional rooftop solar and/or batteries on council infrastructure where appropriate
 - AI33 - Amount of roof top solar power on Council infrastructure \geq 500 kW
- A2.6.2** Remove gas from Council sites by converting gas heaters, water systems and other appliances to electric.
 - AI247 - Amount of gas consumed through Council sites \leq 6,000,000 MJ
- A16.2.2** Deliver 5 new publicly accessible EV charging stations
 - AI326 - Number of electric vehicles in Council's fleet \geq 10 Electric vehicles
 - AI327 - Number of chargers installed for Council fleet \geq 10 EV Chargers

5 activities from the Housing Strategy, **1 activity** from the Strategic Planning Function and **2 activities** from the Integrated Transport Strategy have been carried forward due to the long-term nature of these items. Progress has been made, however activities related to these items are planned for 2025-26:

- Stage 2 Development Control Plan (DCP) will be seeking endorsement for exhibition later in 2025.
- Heritage planning proposal is awaiting recommendations from consultant study due late 2025.
- Developing design excellence options for Maroubra Junction town centre is linked to a broader review of planning provisions. The planning framework for design excellence will be addressed as part of the updated LSPS.

- Research and analysis being undertaken on residential implications of the Low and Mid Rise reforms, as well as economic, transport and public domain improvements to inform future direction of this project and guide future priorities to be included in an updated LSPS

3 carried forward activities from the Inclusive Randwick and Economic Development and Placemaking strategies have progressed.

- Final draft of Reconciliation Action Plan to be prepared for Council endorsement in 2025-26. Community consultation has commenced for the draft Social Cohesion Plan and will be presented to Council for endorsement in 2025-26.
- Roll-out of a Buy Local Shop campaign to be delivered later in 2025.

1 activity carried forward from Open Space and Recreation strategy

A20.5.1 - Undertake a research study, that considers the quadruple bottom-line, to assess the appropriateness of additional synthetic fields, and their locations

- NSW Government released *Synthetic Turf in Public Open Space – Guidelines for Decision Makers* in May 2025, which will be reviewed during the research process.

2024-25 Q4 Activities – Removed

1 activity within the Open Space and Recreation strategy has been **Removed**.

A20.14.4 - Investigate the feasibility of installing smart parking technology at Maroubra and/or Clovelly Beach.

- Removed as outlined in GM Update on 12th July 2024

2024-25 Q4 Highlights in delivering outcomes from the Informing Strategies

- The first draft of the Reconciliation Action Plan has been submitted to Reconciliation Australia for review
- Randwick City Council participated in the National Consultation on Policies to Enhance Child Safety and prepared a submission to the Child Safety Review.
- Grow it Local has continued to show strong engagement, with 1,135 people engaging with the program in the last quarter
- Council's Town Hall Takeover program commenced, supporting three groups of artists who delivered free and low-cost arts programs for community to engage with. This program supported approximately 51 creatives and reached approximately 1287 people.
- Detailed design and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) have been submitted to TfNSW.
- Koojay Corroboree 2025, held 30th May, celebrated First Nations culture, tradition and dance. Council engaged five dance groups and a school to deliver speeches and perform the national anthem in language along with five solo acts, following community consultation with the Aboriginal Community Alliance

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Corporate Planning and Performance
Function	Integrated Planning and Reporting
Delivery program commitment	Develop and monitor integrated plans and resource strategies to support achievement of community aspirations.

Risks

Risk	Description	Mitigation
Legal/Governance Risk	If NSW government legislated progress reports are not reported to the community, Council may demonstrate poor governance of the strategic planning process.	Providing the community with accurate quarterly Progress Reports for the current Delivery Program.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no direct financial implications for this report. The 2024-25 Annual Budget has been developed to ensure that Council maintains financial sustainability, adequate liquidity, and sound asset performance.

Policy and legislative requirements

In accordance with Section 404(5) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to make at least two progress reports with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program each year. Randwick Council currently provides these reports on a quarterly basis in addition to the Annual Report.

Conclusion

The purpose of the attached Quarterly Progress Report is to inform and update the Council and community on the Q4 progress of all projects, programs, and services as set out in the adopted 2024-25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Responsible officer: Edel Dickson, Coordinator Corporate Planning and Performance

File Reference: F2024/03001

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO43/25

Subject: Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy - Results of Public Exhibition

Executive Summary

- Section 252 of the Local Government Act requires Council to adopt a policy for the payment of expenses incurred by and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other Councillors. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors can only be reimbursed for expenses and provided with facilities, in discharging the functions of civic office, in accordance with this policy.
- The Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy is required to be reviewed within 12 months of each ordinary election of Councillors.
- This policy is required to comply with the Office of Local Government “Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW”.
- A draft (amended) Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy was submitted to the 27 May 2025 Council meeting and Council resolved to put the policy on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.
- This report addresses the response to the public exhibition and recommends the draft policy be adopted.

Recommendation

That the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy (26 August 2025) be adopted.

Attachment/s:

1.   DRAFT Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy - August 2025

Purpose

To advise Council of the feedback received during the public exhibition of the draft Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy and to adopt the revised policy within 12 months of the September 2024 ordinary election of Councillors.

Discussion

As part of the current review of the policy, the following changes are proposed:

- ICT expense provisions;
 - Combine the expense limit for computer technology and related equipment and mobile telephone equipment to provide Councillors with more flexibility as to how this expense limit is utilised. It is proposed that the maximum combined cost of this equipment be set at \$12,000 per Councillor per term. The increase in this expense limit takes into account the price increase of new release laptops and more particularly mobile phones.
- Home office expenses provisions;
 - Combine the expense limit for home office and stationery consumables and subscriptions to provide Councillors with more flexibility as to how this expense limit is utilised.
- Update the data sim provisions for laptop devices and mobile phones to reflect current practice, as follows:
 - Provide a data sim for laptop devices as per Council’s contracted rates and including a 100GB data cap per month.
 - Provide a voice and data sim for mobile phone devices as per Council’s contracted rates and including a 100GB data cap per month and unlimited calls and text messages to any Australian domestic number.
- The amendment of clause 2.2.4(d) to allow review by the General Manager if considered necessary and appropriate.
- The addition of a note at the end of the “Limits on Expenditure Table” to allow review by the General Manager if considered necessary and appropriate.

Community consultation outcomes

Council conducted a 4-week consultation to exhibit changes to the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and gather community feedback.

The exhibition was promoted via Randwick News, listing on [Council’s website](#), email to Randwick City Precincts and Your Say Randwick subscribers, and hard copies at all Randwick City Libraries and Customer Service Centre.

The consultation was open from 11 July to 8 August 2025 and resulted in:

- 335 visits to the Your Say Randwick website
- 126 downloads of the Policy
- 20 submissions (16 submissions via Your Say Randwick and 4 via email to Council)

Submissions

The 20 submissions were received during the exhibition period and are outlined in the following table:

Submission		Comment
1.	I approve of this proposal as I think it is practical and realistic.	Noted
2.	1. Councillor’s expenses should be capped and the allowance for a home office should be only for new councillors instead of every term.	1. Expense limits are currently capped in accordance with the

Submission	Comment
<p>2. There should be transparency of all councillors expenses claimed with full disclosure to facilitate accountability to the community.</p>	<p>Councillors' Expenses & Facilities Policy</p> <p>2. The Councillors' Expenses & Facilities Policy is available on our website and is publicly exhibited whenever policy amendments are proposed.</p>
<p>3. Please see below points on the changes to this policy:</p> <p>1. Recommendation to Remove the Printer Allowance - The inclusion of a dedicated allowance for multifunction printer/copier/scanner units—currently up to \$1,500 per term—is, in my view, unnecessary and should be removed from the policy. Councillors have access to high-quality printing facilities at public libraries, which are well-equipped and accessible across the local government area. Encouraging the use of these shared public resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aligns with principles of equity and community integration, reinforcing that Councillors should use the same services available to residents. - Supports sustainability goals by reducing redundant equipment purchases and consumables. - Reduces administrative and maintenance overhead for Council. <p>I recommend that this item be excluded from the combined ICT expense cap and removed from the policy entirely.</p> <p>2. Concerns with the \$12,000 ICT Allowance - While I support the idea of combining ICT-related expenses into a single flexible allowance, the proposed \$12,000 per Councillor per term appears excessive, particularly given that this covers a three-year period.</p> <p>A more reasonable and fiscally responsible approach would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$10,000 for a Councillor's first term, to cover initial setup costs. - \$4,000 for each subsequent term, to allow for maintenance, upgrades, or replacements as needed. <p>This tiered model recognises the upfront investment required for new Councillors while ensuring ongoing costs remain proportionate and accountable.</p> <p>3. Support for Combining Home Office and Subscription Expenses</p> <p>I support the proposal to combine home office consumables and subscriptions into a single annual cap of \$2,200. This change provides appropriate flexibility and reflects the varied ways Councillors engage with their roles.</p> <p>Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to this important policy review. I trust these suggestions will be considered in the spirit of transparency, equity, and responsible governance.</p>	<p>1. It is proposed that the current printer allowance be included in the combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors.</p> <p>2. The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p> <p>3. Noted.</p>
<p>4. What period of time does \$12,000 cover? It seems very high given current costs of laptops, printers etc</p>	<p>This ICT expense limit is per Councillor per term. It being noted that a Council term is four years.</p>
<p>5. The whole section on Office expense expenses should be deleted. Why are Councilors given any money for home offices? Why are they working from home at all? I have worked for NSW State Gov for 10+ years are we are given \$0 for home office expenses. What home offices expenses could possibly cost \$2,200 every year? If they work from home our rates have to pay for a new stationary and app subscriptions at \$2,200 every single year. This is ridiculous. They should be stopped from working from home all together. They also only work 9 day a fortnight! So do they ever go the main office? Reject this change. No flexibility to spend the money as they like.</p>	<p>Councillor are not staff – they are elected representatives. The objectives of the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their civic duties • enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to Councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties • support a diversity of representation

Submission	Comment
<p>6. \$12,000 seems an excessive amount for tech access for council business. What is it now? Councillors should not have home offices for council business. They should work from council offices.</p>	<p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p> <p>Most Councillors work fulltime and undertaken their civic duties as an elected representative outside of normal work hours.</p>
<p>7. The proposal suggests that IT equipment costs double from \$4,000 (computer) \$2,500 mobile phone in 2021 to \$12,000 per 3 year period. Why this massive increase? It's not in line with inflation or IT costs. Why do councillors need to replace their phones and computers every 3 years? In my private company the maximum we replace stock is every 5 years. I sincerely hope that all of this proposed IT waste is being adequately recycled.</p>	<p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p>
<p>8. This is an absurd amount of money for ICT equipment and smartphones for Councillors to fulfil their civic duties. This is well above the budget allocated within similar public institutions and private companies for individuals with similar responsibilities. What benchmarking has council done to justify such enormous increases to their budget for these expenses? A brief search for similar councils (Bayside Council Expense policy attached, with 15 councillors compared to 12) reveals that their councillors have allocated \$4000 per term for ICT resources and \$115 per councillor per month for mobile phone expenses (whereby they are expected to choose a mobile phone and plan package within the limit specified) and \$100 per year for home office expenses. In the current financial climate, it is completely unreasonable and unacceptable that council would consider implementing changes which lead to massive increases in cost, alongside even less transparency and accountability. Many of your constituents who are struggling to make ends meet would find this proposal to be insulting.</p>	<p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p>
<p>9. All expenses should be based on actual need and be assessed prior to approval. A blank cheque is ill-advised, and if adopted, this amount will increase annually as councillors will spend the full amount in order to maintain this allowance.</p>	<p>Expenses are reimbursed in accordance with the procedures set in the policy and must be supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices.</p>
<p>10. I don't know of a CEO who has a \$12k budget to blow on something like this (and I've worked with a few ASX20 CEOs). This isn't even government waste - it's pure corruption. I'm supportive of \$2k for an iPhone and \$2k for a simple laptop with O365, and max a \$1k allowance for you to use on a basic desk or screen. You have no right to talk about cost of living or say that you're serving 'the people' when you have a budget of \$12k to buy a posh desk and designer laptop bag. If this goes through, I'll be waiving the policy at a polling station at the next election.</p>	<p>Councillors are not paid employees – they do not receive a salary.</p> <p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p>
<p>11. I think that \$12,000 per term seems excessive. I understand that a lot of work is done using the internet, but if used properly, it doesn't need to be expensive. When you buy a computer, laptop and mobile phone, they should last quite a long time. Therefore once that has been paid for, the rest of the expenses should be low. So \$12,000 per term would be much more than what is needed. What happens to the money that isn't spent?</p>	
<p>12. I very much support competent councillors being paid well and reimbursed for all reasonable expenses. However; I do not believe that \$12,000 per annum per councillor is by any means reasonable. Perhaps this value includes other items and accessories, but a relevant listing needs to be provided with the proposal. Otherwise such an excess exposes itself to abuse.</p>	

Submission	Comment
<p>A good phone costs approximately \$1000 and an excellent mobile phone plan may be 1,200 per annum. An excellent laptop costs about \$3,000. Myself, I have a top quality laptop that cost me only \$2500 in 2015 that lasted me 10 years.</p> <p>In the private sector, a business will not budget for a new laptop every year, even if there was annual turnover; they will reformat and re-use (unless they are giving the laptop to the outgoing councilor, which doesn't seem like a typical public service perk)</p> <p>So even if a new laptop and new phone was purchased every year frivolously, what is the remaining \$7,000 expected to be spent on?</p>	<p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p>
<p>13. The budgets feel quite excessive. You don't need \$12,000 for a laptop and a phone for three years. You could definitely get away with half that and still have a nice phone, laptop, and pretty decent phone plan.</p>	
<p>14. \$12000.00 is outrageous and unnecessary for Councillors expenses. To update and refresh computers and even a course is not near that kind of money and I would not want my rate monies going to that especially as a pensioner I can't afford the rates as it is.</p>	
<p>15. All of 2.2.10 and 2.2.12: For Randwick LGA residents/constituents, when working from home we simply pay for these work-related services ourselves then claim the standard allowance from the ATO when lodging our annual tax return. Why would this be any different for Randwick City Councillors?</p> <p>2.2.8(c): It is not appropriate for a councillor's spouse/partner to claim expenses to attend council events. Attendance is not part of their job, therefore they are there as a guest and this should be seen as a privilege not a duty.</p> <p>2.2.11(d) (e) (f): Randwick LGA residents/constituents who attend official business do not receive funding for childcare or adult care. Why would this be any different for Randwick City councillors?</p>	<p>Councillors are not paid employees – they do not receive a salary.</p>
<p>16. It generally seems reasonable to me apart from 'ICT equipment described under 2.2.10 (a) and (b)'. This is proposed to increase from \$4000 to \$12000 per councillor per 4-year term. This increase appears excessive to me. On what basis was it made? (Certainly not the rate of increase of inflation.) I would suggest 2.2.10(a) at \$4000 and 2.2.10(b) at \$2000 = \$6000.</p>	
<p>17. I am writing in response to your recent email outlining the proposed change to the technology allowance for councillors, which would increase this allowance to \$12,000 per term.</p> <p>As a local resident, I feel strongly that this amount is excessive and difficult to justify. Most professionals manage their technology needs on far less, and I question whether such a significant allowance is necessary—especially when community resources could be better directed toward pressing local issues.</p> <p>I hope the council will genuinely consider community feedback and demonstrate transparency and fiscal responsibility in this matter. I encourage you to reconsider this proposal in light of what is reasonable and in the best interest of ratepayers.</p>	<p>The combined IMT allowance which will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p>
<p>18. A budget of \$12,000 per councillor for tech is ridiculous! You can buy 12 phones for that price, or 12 iPads, or 7 MacBook pros. This is totally ridiculous. STOP WASTING RATE PAYERS' MONEY.</p> <p>The cost of living crisis is real. Clearly not if you're Randwick Council.</p>	
<p>19. That's a huge rise in allowances and I object. this will all result in higher rates for home owners in these very difficult times</p>	
<p>20. Sounds reasonable for a 4-year term.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

The submissions are summarised below:

Submission	No. of times raised	Response
Objection to increase in IMT resources allowance	14	<p>The combined ICT expense limit will be available for Councillors to spend flexibly, in a way that best supports them in their role as Councillors. The increase in the combined allowance reflects the increase in cost of smart phones and laptops in recent years.</p> <p>Expense limits have been set at a level that would allow for the reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred as part of a Councillor's civic duties and to enable people from diverse backgrounds, under represented groups etc to serve as a Councillor.</p>
Expenses should be capped and work from home should not be funded by Council Allowance for printers should be removed	5	Expense limits have been set at a level that would allow for the reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred as part of a Councillor's civic duties and to enable people from diverse backgrounds, under represented groups etc to serve as a Councillor.
Support draft policy and increase in carer expenses	3	Noted.

*Note: some submissions raised more than one issue.

Combining the ICT expense limit will allow Councillors to use this expense limit flexibly and in a way that best supports them in their role as a Councillor. The combined expense limit has been increased by \$1,000 per Council per year (or \$4,000 per Councillor per term) and reflects the increase in cost of technology equipment, in particular smart phones, in recent years.

Expense limits have been set at a level that allows for the reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred as part of a Councillor's civic duties and to enable people from diverse backgrounds, under represented groups etc to serve as a Councillor.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Customer Service & Governance Management Service
Function	Governance Management
Delivery program commitment	Manage Council's governance framework and controls to ensure accountability, transparency, integrity, equity and ethical Council decision making.

Risks

Operational risks include:

- Lack of accountability and transparency in Councillor expense reimbursements
- Facilities and expenses provided to Councillors that do not meet community expectations
- Facilities and expenses that do not support diversity of representations
- Lack of legislative compliance
- Reputational risks for Councillors and the Council.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Expenses and facilities provided to the Mayor and Councillors as part of this policy are allowed for in Council budgets.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Local Government Act 1993
 - s.252 – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities - Council, within the first 12 months of each term *“must adopt a policy concerning the ... provision of facilities to, the mayor, deputy mayor and the other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office”*
 - s.253 imposes requirements for public consultation of the Policy.
- Office of Local Government Template Policy.

Conclusion

Expense limits have been set at a level that provides for the reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred as part of a Councillor’s civic duties and to enable people from diverse backgrounds, under represented groups etc to serve as a Councillor.

It is recommended that the Councillors’ Expenses and Facilities Policy (26 August 2025) be adopted.

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Policy summary

This policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors to help them undertake their civic duties.

It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align Councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.

The policy has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation) and complies with the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

The policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

The main expenses and facilities are summarised in the table below. All monetary amounts are exclusive of GST.

Limits on expenditure table

Clause	Expense/facility	Amount (per Cr unless otherwise stipulated)	Frequency
Expenses			
2.2.1(b)	Travel expenses (Councillors) [see page 5]	\$5,000	Per year
2.2.1(b)	Travel expenses (Mayor) [see page 5]	\$8,000 for Mayor	Per year
2.2.2(b)	Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses (includes all out-of-pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance) [see page 5]	\$25,000 total for all Crs	Per year
2.2.4(c)	Payment in advance for meals (at conferences) [see page 6]	\$150	Per day
2.2.6(a)	Professional development (includes all out-of-pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance and annual memberships eg. Australian Institute of Company Directors) [see page 6]	\$20,000	Per term
2.2.7(b)	Conferences and seminars (includes all out of pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance) [see page 7]	\$50,000 total for all Crs	Per year
2.2.8(a)	Attendance at events if representing the Council [see page 7]	\$150	Per event/ function
2.2.8(c)	Spouse/partners/accompanying persons expenses [see page 7]	\$150	Per event/ function
2.2.10	ICT equipment described under 2.2.10 (a) and (b) Primary computer device (Laptop or tablet) [see page 8]	\$4,000 \$12,000	Per term
2.2.10(d)(i)	Mobile data broadband service	As per Council's contracted rates – 100GB data cap	Per month
2.2.10	Multifunction printer/copier/scanner unit [see page 8]	\$1,500	Per term
2.2.10	Mobile smartphone [see page 8]	\$2,500	Per term
2.2.10(d)(ii)	Mobile phone service (including voice and data) voice calls placed in Australia to domestic fixed line and mobile numbers [see page 8]	As per Council's contracted rates – 100GB data cap	Per month
2.2.10	Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to international numbers [see page 8]	\$100 (or as approved by the	Per month

Clause	Expense/facility	Amount (per Cr unless otherwise stipulated)	Frequency
		General Manager)	
2.2.10i	Mobile data service for smartphone [see page 9]	Service incorporated into Council's standard data pool	Per Term
2.2.10	International Voice and Data Roaming for mobile telephone [see page 9] * for countries included in the International Roaming Pass Program	Equivalent of 28 days of international roaming at Council's contracted rates*	Per Year
2.2.10.c.v	Internet connection at place of residence (if required this service is to be arranged by the Councillor) [see page 9]	\$100	Per month
2.2.10.c.vi	A messaging service (if required) [see page 9]	\$200	Per month
2.2.11(d)	Carer expenses [see page 10]	\$6,000	Per year
2.2.12(a)	Home office expenses [see page 10]	\$1,000 \$2,200	Per year
2.2.12(b)	Subscription to resource material (including digital newspaper subscriptions) [see page 10]	\$1,200	Per year
Facilities			
3.1.1(a)	Access to facilities in Councillors' Rooms within the Town Hall building [see page 12]	Provided to all Crs	Not relevant
3.1.2(a)	Postage expenses [see page 12]	600 standard stamps	Per year
3.1.2(a)	Christmas or festive cards [see page 12]	300 cards per Cr & 500 cards for Mayor	Per year
3.1.2(a)	Letterheads, business cards etc (printed in-house) [see page 12]	Provided to all Crs on request	Not relevant
3.1.3(a)	Maximum 2 full-time equivalent exclusive staff [see page 12]	To support Mayor & Crs	Not relevant
3.2(a)	Council vehicle and fuel card [see page 12]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant
3.2(b)	Reserved parking space at Council offices [see page 12]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant
3.2(c)	Furnished office [see page 13]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant

Additional costs incurred by a Councillor in excess of these limits are considered a personal expense that is the responsibility of the Councillor.

Councillors must provide claims for reimbursement within 12 months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

The provisions set in this policy are subject to review by the General Manager and may be varied if considered necessary and appropriate in individual circumstances.

1. Introduction

1.1. Introduction

The provision of expenses and facilities enables Councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Randwick City Council.

The community is entitled to know the extent of expenses paid to Councillors, as well as the facilities provided.

The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the facilities and support that are available to Councillors to assist them in fulfilling their civic duties.

Council staff are empowered to question or refuse a request for payment from a Councillor when it does not accord with this policy.

Expenses and facilities provided by this policy are in addition to fees paid to Councillors. The minimum and maximum fees a Council may pay each Councillor are set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal as per Section 241 of the Act and reviewed annually. Council must adopt its annual fees within this set range.

1.2. Policy objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their civic duties
- enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to Councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties
- ensure accountability and transparency in reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors
- ensure facilities and expenses provided to Councillors meet community expectations
- support a diversity of representation
- fulfil Council's statutory responsibilities.

1.3. Principles

Council commits to the following principles:

Proper conduct: Councillors and staff acting lawfully and honestly, exercising care and diligence in carrying out their functions

Reasonable expenses: Providing for Councillors to be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred as part of their role as Councillor

Participation and access: Enabling people from diverse backgrounds, underrepresented groups, those in carer roles and those with special needs to serve as a Councillor

Equity: There must be equitable access to expenses and facilities for all Councillors

Appropriate use of resources: Providing clear direction on the appropriate use of Council resources in accordance with legal requirements and community expectations

Accountability and transparency: Clearly stating and reporting on the expenses and facilities provided to Councillors.

1.4. Private or political benefit

Councillors must not obtain private political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.

Private use of Council equipment and facilities by Councillors may occur from time to time. For example, telephoning home to advise that a Council meeting will run later than expected. Such incidental private use does not require a compensatory payment back to Council.

Councillors should avoid obtaining any greater private benefit from Council than an incidental benefit. Where there are unavoidable circumstances and more substantial private use of Council facilities does occur, Councillors must reimburse Council.

Campaigns for re-election are considered to be a political benefit. The following are examples of what is considered to be a political interest during a re-election campaign:

- production of election material
- use of Council resources and equipment for campaigning
- use of official Council letterhead, publications, websites or services for political benefit
- fundraising activities of political parties or individuals, including political fundraising events.

2. Expenses

2.1. General expenses

- a) All expenses provided under this policy will be for a purpose specific to the functions of holding civic office. Allowances for general expenses are not permitted under this policy.
- b) Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.
- c) The exchange of one or more allowance(s) to fund an increase in another allowance is not permitted under this policy.

2.2. Specific expenses

2.2.1 General travel arrangements and expenses

- a) All travel by Councillors should be undertaken using the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport.
- b) Each Councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$5,000 per year, and the Mayor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$8,000 per year, for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars within NSW. This includes reimbursement:
 - for public transport fares
 - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car
 - for parking costs for Council and other meetings
 - for tolls
 - by Cabcharge card or equivalent
 - by Uber, when using Council's corporate Uber account only.
- c) Allowances for the use of a private vehicle will be reimbursed by kilometre at the rate contained in the NSW Local Government (State) Award.
- d) Councillors seeking to be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle must keep a record of the date, distance and purpose of travel being claimed. This record must be provided with the claim.

2.2.2 Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses

- a) In accordance with Section 4, Council will scrutinise the value and need for Councillors to undertake overseas travel. Councils should avoid interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate trips unless direct and tangible benefits can be established for the Council and the local community. This includes travel to sister and friendship cities.
- b) Total interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses for all Councillors will be capped at a maximum of \$25,000** per year. This amount will be set aside in Council's annual budget.
- c) Councillors seeking approval for any interstate and long-distance intrastate travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, the General Manager prior to travel.
- d) Councillors seeking approval for any overseas travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, a full Council meeting prior to travel.
- e) The case should include:
 - objectives to be achieved in travel, including an explanation of how the travel aligns with current Council priorities and business, the community benefits which will accrue as a result, and its relevance to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties
 - who is to take part in the travel
 - duration of the travel

- a detailed budget including a statement of any amounts expected to be reimbursed by the participant/s.
- f) For interstate and long-distance intrastate journeys by air of less than two hours, the class of air travel is to be economy class.
- g) For interstate journeys by air of more than two hours, the class of air travel may be premium economy.
- h) For international travel, the class of air travel is to be premium economy if available. Otherwise, the class of travel is to be economy. For the Mayor the class of travel is to be appropriate to the position of Mayor, subject to the approval of the General Manager.
- i) Bookings for approved air travel are to be made through the General Manager's office.
- j) For air travel that is reimbursed as Council business, Councillors will not accrue points from the airline's frequent flyer program. This is considered a private benefit.
- k) On return from any overseas travel, which have been funded by Council under this policy, the Councillor will share outcomes of the trip. (eg. briefing sessions/papers on findings/outcomes) with the other Councillors, via the ~~Councillors' Bulletin~~ Councillor Communications channel on the Hub App.

2.2.3 Travel expenses not paid by Council

Council will not pay for traffic or parking fines or administrative charges for road toll accounts.

2.2.4 Accommodation and meals

- a) Council will reimburse the actual costs for accommodation and meals while Councillors are undertaking prior approved travel or professional development.
- b) The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses both within and outside Australia are to be determined in advance by the General Manager, being mindful of Clause 2.2.2(b).
- c) Councillors can claim payment in advance, subject to a limit of \$150 per day for meals (subject to substantiation on return from the conference/seminar and reimbursement of any unspent funds).
- d) Councillors will not be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages.**

2.2.5 Refreshments for Council related meetings

Appropriate refreshments will be available for Council meetings, Council Committee meetings, ~~Councillor briefings~~, approved meetings, **workshops** and engagements, and official Council functions as approved by the General Manager in accordance with budgetary limits.

2.2.6 Professional development

- a) Council will set aside \$20,000** per Councillor per term in its budget to facilitate professional development of Councillors through programs, training, education courses and membership of professional bodies.
- b) In the first year of a new Council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all Councillors which considers any guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding.
- c) Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties, the Councillor actively participates in the body and the cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.
- d) If Councillors choose to become a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The membership fee (as set by the Australian Institute of Company Directors) will be funded from the professional development limit set in Clause 2.2.6(a).
- e) Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the General Manager outlining the:
 - details of the proposed professional development

- relevance to Council priorities and business
 - relevance of the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties.
- f) In assessing a Councillor request for a professional development activity, the General Manager must consider the factors set out in Clause 2.2.6(e), as well as the cost of the professional development in relation to the Councillor's remaining budget.

2.2.7 Conferences and seminars

- a) Council is committed to ensuring its Councillors are up to date with contemporary issues facing Council and the community, and local government in NSW.
- b) Council will set aside a total amount of \$50,000** annually in its budget to facilitate Councillor attendance at conferences and seminars, including the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. This allocation is for all Councillors. The General Manager will ensure that access to expenses relating to conferences and seminars is distributed equitably.
- c) Approval to attend a conference or seminar is subject to a written request to the General Manager. In assessing a Councillor request, the General Manager must consider factors including the:
- relevance of the topics and presenters to current Council priorities and business and the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties
 - cost of the conference or seminar in relation to the total remaining budget.
- d) Council will meet the reasonable cost of registration fees, transportation and accommodation associated with attendance at conferences approved by the General Manager. Council will also meet the reasonable cost of meals when they are not included in the conference fees. Reimbursement for accommodation and meals not included in the conference fees will be subject to Clauses 2.2.7(b).

2.2.8 Events/functions

- a) Reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by a Councillor in attending functions if officially invited to events/functions representing the Council. This expense is subject to a limit of \$150 per Councillor per event/function.
- b) Expenses of a Mayor or Councillor's spouse/partner/accompanying person* shall be met by Council in the following circumstances;
- i) Where the reasonable expenses of the spouse/partner/accompanying person have been met by the Mayor/Councillor; and
 - ii) The Mayor's/Councillor's spouse/partner/ accompanying person has been officially invited to and has accompanied the Mayor/Councillor to a function/event; and
 - iii) The function/event relates to the discharge of the civic functions of the Mayor/Councillor; and
 - iv) The attendance of the spouse/partner/accompanying person at the function is considered reasonably necessary or appropriate in order for the Mayor/Councillor to fulfil his/her statutory role.
- c) This expense is subject to a limit of \$150 per Councillor per event/function.
- d) This reimbursement does not extend to functions where the attendance of the Councillor's spouse, partner or accompanying person may be convenient, but could not be properly seen as relating to the discharge of functions of civic office (eg. Attendance at seminars, conferences and the like, with the exception of the Annual Conference of LGNSW). Examples of the types of functions that could be reimbursed under this clause include charitable functions to which the Mayor has been invited and award ceremonies and other functions to which the Mayor is invited to represent the Council. The payment for spouses, partners and accompanying persons for attending appropriate functions (as detailed above) will be confined specifically to the ticket, meal and/or the direct cost of attending the function. Peripheral expenses incurred by spouse, partners or accompanying persons such as grooming, special clothing and transport are not considered

reimbursable expenses.

2.2.9 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

- a) All Councillors are able to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference each year. Council will reimburse the cost of registration fees and where the conference is outside metropolitan Sydney, the cost of travel, accommodation and meals not covered by the conference registration, subject to Clauses 2.2.7(b).
- b) For the Local Government NSW Annual Conference only, Council will meet the costs of the official conference dinner for an accompanying person of a Councillor.

2.2.10 ICT expenses

Council will either purchase and provide Councillors with or Council will reimburse Councillors for expenses associated with purchasing and providing appropriate ICT devices and services:

- a) **Computer Technology equipment and related equipment services:**
 - i) A laptop device to be determined by the Councillor from Council’s standard models. A replacement laptop is available at the commencement of the third year of the term. ~~The maximum cost for this equipment is \$4,000 per Councillor per term.~~
 - ii) Accessories including home office equipment (docking unit, screens, keyboard and mouse) and laptop protective carry case or bag selected in conjunction with the Councillor from Council’s approved models ~~(included in the laptop device costs);~~
Licensed software and associated configuration necessary to utilise appropriate Council systems including access to business papers for Council as well as standard productivity software ~~(included in the laptop device costs);~~
 - iii) Multifunction printer/copier/scanner unit Councillor per term. Council will supply all consumables such as ink, toner or the like for the unit. ~~The maximum cost for this equipment is \$1,500 per Councillor per term.~~
- b) **Mobile Telephone equipment (Smartphone):**
 - iv) A mobile smartphone running an approved operating system as determined by Council is to be provided along with appropriate accessories such as a protective case and in car mount. A replacement mobile smartphone is available at the commencement of the third year of the Council term. ~~The maximum cost for the purchase of this equipment is \$2,500 per Councillor per term.~~
 - v) Repairs and replacements of the above should equipment failure, or loss or accidental damage occur, to ensure that the devices provided remain in working order and that an appropriate level of service is provided to the Councillor.
- c) **The maximum combined cost for points 2.2.10 (a) and (b) (above) is \$12,000 per Councillor per term.**
- d) **Telecommunication Services**
Council will fund the following costs for services connected to Council’s account. Other expenses are to be reimbursed once approved by the General Manager:

Service	Cap
i. Mobile data broadband service	As per Council’s contracted rates – 100GB data cap.
ii. Mobile phone service (including voice and data) calls placed in Australia to domestic fixed line and mobile numbers	As per Council’s contracted rates – 100GB data cap + Unlimited calls and text to any Australian domestic number per month.
iii. Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to international numbers	\$100 per month or as approved by the General Manager
iv. Mobile data service for smartphone	Service incorporated into Council’s standard data pool
v. International Voice and Data Roaming for mobile telephone	The equivalent of 28 days of international roaming per year at Council’s contracted rates for countries included in the International Roaming Pass Program

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Service	Cap
vi. Internet connection at place of residence (if required this service is to be arranged by the Councillor)	\$100 per month (re-impbursement)
vii. A messaging service (if required)	The cost of this service is subject to a limit of \$200 per Councillor per month.

- a) Council supplied equipment will be purchased and maintained by authorised officers within Council’s IMT Services Department, during standard business hours of 7:30am through 5:00pm on Council business days, and for the first three hours of any ordinary or extraordinary Council meeting. Support outside of these hours is at the discretion of the General Manager.
- b) All equipment remains the property of Council until the end of the Council term, when the ownership of the equipment may be transferred to each individual Councillor at the depreciated value (as determined by Council), subject to Council systems and Apps software being removed from the equipment.
- c) Councillors must take all reasonable steps to secure the equipment from loss or damage. Any loss, damage or failure of the items provided through this option should be reported to the Manager IMT Services promptly. Subject to the approval of the General Manager, Council will provide a like-for-like replacement of the equipment to ensure continuity of service.
- d) If a Councillors chooses to purchase and provide appropriate ICT equipment (both Computer and Mobile Telephone) must be approved by the GM prior to purchase.

The General Manager may extend ICT benefits beyond the limit of this allowance if considered necessary and appropriate.

2.2.11 Special requirement and carer expenses

- a) Council encourages wide participation and interest in civic office. It will seek to ensure Council premises and associated facilities are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing-impaired Councillors and those with other disabilities.
- b) Transportation provisions outlined in this policy will also assist Councillors who may be unable to drive a vehicle.
- c) In addition to the provisions above, the General Manager may authorise the provision of reasonable additional facilities and expenses in order to allow a Councillor with a disability to perform their civic duties.
- d) Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carer’s expenses up to a maximum of \$6,000 per annum for attendance at official business, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence.
- e) Child care expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years where the carer is not a relative.
- f) In the event of caring for an adult person Councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable. This may take the form of advice from a medical practitioner.

2.2.12 Home office expenses

- a) Each Councillor may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year for costs associated with the maintenance of a home office, such as minor items of consumable stationery.
- b) Subscription to resource material (including software apps and online subscriptions) which will assist in the performance of the role of a Councillor, subject to a limit of \$1,200 per Councillor per annum.

- c) The maximum combined cost for points 2.2.12 (a) and (b) (above) is \$2,200 per Councillor per annum.

2.3. Insurances

- a) In accordance with Section 382 of the Local Government Act, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims. Councillors are included as a named insured on this Policy.
- b) Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of his or her civic duties, or exercise of his or her functions as a Councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance. The Mayor and Councillors will be provided with full indemnity against any action, liability, claim or demand, arising from the bona fide performance of their responsibilities, with the exception of defamation claims where the availability and extent of an indemnity shall be determined by Council, in its absolute discretion, after the claim has been disposed of by a final judgement in proceedings, withdrawn, settlement or compromise of proceedings or otherwise as the case may be, having regard to all circumstances that Council, in its absolute discretion, consider relevant.
- c) Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the Council's policy of insurance.
- d) Insurance provision for Councillors includes:
- i) Public liability (for matters arising out of Councillors' performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions);
 - ii) Professional indemnity (for matters arising out of Councillors' performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions);
 - iii) Personal injury while on Council business (note: Councillors are not covered by Workers Compensation payments or arrangements);
 - iv) Appropriate travel insurances will be provided for any Councillors traveling on approved interstate and overseas travel on Council business.

2.4. Legal assistance

- a) Council may, if required, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:
- i) A Councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the Local Government Act;
 - ii) A councillor defending an action in defamation, provided the statements complained of were made in good faith in the course of exercising a function under the Act;
 - iii) A councillor for proceedings before an appropriate investigative or review body, provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the Act and the matter has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review and the investigative or review body makes a finding substantially favourable to the Councillor.
- b) In the case of a conduct complaint made against a Councillor, legal costs will only be made available where the matter has been referred by the General Manager to a conduct reviewer or conduct review panel to make formal enquiries into that matter in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.
- c) Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a Councillor of his or her functions under the Act are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a Councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a Councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.
- d) Council will not meet the legal costs:

- i) Of legal proceedings initiated by a councillor under any circumstances;
 - ii) Of a councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation
 - iii) For legal proceedings that do not involve a Councillor performing their roles as a councillor.
- e) Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have Council approval by way of a resolution at a Council meeting prior to costs being incurred.

2.5. Superannuation contributions for Councillors

- a) In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Act and the Council resolution of 29 June 2021, Council will make a payment (a superannuation contribution payment) as a contribution to a superannuation account nominated by a Councillor, ~~starting from the financial year commencing 1 July 2022.~~
- b) A council is not permitted to make a superannuation contribution payment:
- i) if the Councillor does not nominate a superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates, or
 - ii) to the extent the Councillor has agreed in writing to forgo or reduce the payment.
- c) The amount of the contribution payment will be the amount the council would have been required to contribute under the Commonwealth superannuation legislation as superannuation if the Councillor were an employee of the council.
- d) A person is not, for the purposes of any Act, taken to be an employee of a council and is not disqualified from holding civic office merely because the person is paid a superannuation contribution payment and that a superannuation contribution payment does not constitute salary for the purposes of any Act.

*An accompanying person is a person who has a close personal relationship with the Councillor and/or provides carer support to the Councillor.

** subject to review by the General Manager if considered necessary and appropriate.

3. Facilities

3.1. General facilities for all councillors

3.1.1 Facilities

- a) Council will provide the following facilities to Councillors to assist them to effectively discharge their civic duties:
 - i) A councillor common room appropriately furnished to include telephone, photocopier, printer, desks, computer terminals, business equipment, meeting supplies and appropriate refreshments (excluding alcohol)
 - ii) access to shared car parking spaces while attending Council offices on official business
 - iii) personal protective equipment for use during site visits
 - iv) a name badge which may be worn at official functions, indicating that the wearer holds the office of a Councillor and/or Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
- b) The provision of facilities will be of a standard deemed by the General Manager as appropriate for the purpose.

3.1.2 Stationery

- a) Council will provide the following stationery to Councillors each year:
 - i) Letterhead, to be used only for correspondence associated with civic duties
 - ii) business cards, 'With compliments' slips (if required) and envelopes
 - iii) up to 600 ordinary postage stamps
 - iv) up to 300 Christmas or festive cards per year for Councillors and 500 for the Mayor. The cards will be arranged and order by Council staff in accordance with budgetary limits.
- b) As per Section 4, stamps shall only be used to support a Councillor's civic duties. Councillor mail will only be posted using the stamps provided. Any stamps not used will not be carried over to the next year's allocation.

****Note:** Mass mail outs or letter box distributions to residents are not reimbursable under this policy as such mail outs/distributions are deemed to have a political component regardless of the subject matter. The maximum number of letters/flyers that may be distributed or posted to residents in relation to the one subject and using stationary, postage or other Council facilities under this policy is limited to 150.

3.1.3 Administrative support

- a) Council will provide administrative support to Councillors to assist them with their civic duties only. Administrative support may be provided by staff in the Mayor's office or by a member of Council's administrative staff as arranged by the General Manager.
- b) As per Section 4, Council staff are expected to assist Councillors with civic duties only, and not assist with matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

3.2. Additional facilities for the Mayor

- a) Council will provide to the Mayor full private use of a maintained vehicle (including a fuel card) to a similar standard of the Council vehicle provided to the General Manager and as considered appropriate to the position of Mayor, with conditions of use being generally in accordance with Council's Private Use Policy for motor vehicles.
- b) A parking space at Council's offices will be reserved for the Mayor's Council-issued vehicle for use on official business, professional development and attendance at the Mayor's office.

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- c) Council will provide the Mayor with a furnished office incorporating a computer configured to Council's standard operating environment, telephone and meeting space.
- d) In performing his or her civic duties, the Mayor will be assisted by a small number of staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager.
- e) The number of exclusive staff provided to support the Mayor and Councillors will not exceed two (2) full time equivalents.
- f) As per Section 4, staff in the Mayor's office are expected to work on official business only, and not for matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

4. Processes

4.1. Approval, payment and reimbursement arrangements

- a) Expenses should only be incurred by Councillors in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- b) Approval for incurring expenses, or for the reimbursement of such expenses, should be obtained before the expense is incurred.
- c) Up to the maximum limits specified in this policy, approval for the following may be sought after the expense is incurred:
 - i) Local travel relating to the conduct of official business
 - ii) Carer costs.
- d) Final approval for payments made under this policy will be granted by the General Manager or their delegate.

4.1.1 Direct payment

Council may approve and directly pay expenses. Requests for direct payment must be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance (by email) for assessment against this policy, with sufficient information and time to allow for the claim to be assessed and processed.

4.1.2 Reimbursement

All claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred must be made by email, supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices and be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance.

4.1.3 Advance payment

- a) Council may pay a cash advance for Councillors attending approved conferences, seminars or professional development.
- b) The maximum value of a cash advance is \$150 per day of the conference, seminar or professional development, subject to a period of stay not exceeding the period of the conference, seminar etc, plus one business day each way for travel.
- c) Requests for advance payment must be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance (by email) for assessment against this policy, with sufficient information and time to allow for the claim to be assessed and processed.
- d) Councillors must fully reconcile all expenses against the cost of the advance within one month of incurring the cost and/or returning home. This includes providing to Council:
 - i) a full reconciliation of all expenses including appropriate receipts
 - ii) reimbursement of any amount of the advance payment not spent in attending to official business or professional development.

4.1.4 Notification

- a) If a claim is approved, Council will make payment directly or reimburse the Councillor through accounts payable.
- b) If a claim is refused, Council will inform the Councillor in writing that the claim has been refused and the reason for the refusal.

4.1.5 Reimbursement to Council

- a) If Council has incurred an expense on behalf of a Councillor that exceeds a maximum limit, exceeds reasonable incidental private use or is not provided for in this policy:

- b) Council will invoice the Councillor for the expense
- c) the Councillor will reimburse Council for that expense within 14 days of the invoice date.
- d) If the councillor cannot reimburse Council within 14 days of the invoice date, they are to submit a written explanation to the General Manager. The General Manager may elect to deduct the amount from the Councillor's allowance.

4.1.6 Timeframe for reimbursement

Unless otherwise specified in this policy, Councillors must provide all claims for reimbursement within 12 months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

4.2. Disputes

- a) If a Councillor disputes a determination under this policy, the Councillor should discuss the matter with the General Manager.
- b) If the Councillor and the General Manager cannot resolve the dispute, the Councillor may submit a notice of motion to a Council meeting seeking to have the dispute resolved.

4.3. Return or retention of facilities

- a) All unexpended facilities or equipment supplied under this policy are to be relinquished immediately upon a Councillor or Mayor ceasing to hold office or at the cessation of their civic duties.
- b) Should a Councillor desire to keep any equipment allocated by Council, then this policy enables the Councillor to make application to the General Manager to purchase any such equipment. The General Manager will determine an agreed fair market price or written down value for the item of equipment

4.4. Publication

This policy will be published on Council's website.

4.5. Reporting

Council will report on the provision of expense and facilities to Councillors as required in the Act and Regulations.

4.6. Breaches

- a) Suspected breaches of this policy are to be reported to the General Manager.
- b) Alleged breaches of this policy shall be dealt with by following the processes outlines for breaches of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in the Code and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.

A. Related legislation, guidance and policies

Relevant legislation and guidance:

- Local Government Act 1993, Sections 252 and 253
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Clause 403
- Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009

Related Council policies:

- Code of Conduct.

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B. Definitions

The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

Term	Definition
Accompanying person	Means a spouse, partner or de facto or other person who has a close personal relationship with or provides carer support to a Councillor
Appropriate refreshments	Means food and beverages, excluding alcohol, provided by Council to support Councillors undertaking official business
Act	Means the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
Annual conference	Means Local Government NSW annual Conference
Clause	Unless stated otherwise, a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of this policy
Code of Conduct	Means the Code of Conduct for Councillors adopted by Council or the Model Code if none is adopted
Councillor	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of Council who is not suspended, including the Mayor
General Manager	Means the General Manager of Council and includes their delegate or authorised representative
ICT	Means Telecommunications and Information Communications and Technology
Incidental personal use	Means use that is infrequent and brief and use that does not breach this policy or the Code of Conduct
Long distance intrastate travel	Means travel to other parts of NSW of more than three hours duration by private vehicle
Maximum limit	Means the maximum limit for an expense or facility provided in the text and summarised in the 'Introduction'
NSW	New South Wales
Official business	Means functions that the Mayor or Councillors are required or invited to attend to fulfil their legislated role and responsibilities for Council or result in a direct benefit for Council and/or for the local government area, and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meetings of Council and committees of the whole meetings of committees facilitated by Council civic receptions hosted or sponsored by Council meetings, functions, workshops and other events to which attendance by a Councillor has been requested or approved by Council
Professional development	Means a seminar, conference, training course or other development opportunity relevant to the role of a Councillor or the Mayor
Regulation	Means the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)
Year	Means the financial year, that is the 12-month period commencing on 1 July each year



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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO44/25

Subject: Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements

Executive Summary

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to refer the Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements to the Audit Office of NSW for audit purposes.
- The fully audited 2024-25 Financial Statements will be brought back to Council for adoption at a future Council Meeting.
- Reserve movements, including the 2024-25 Carry Over (Ordinary Council 29 July 2025 – Report CO37/25), and transfers into internally restricted reserves have been included in the draft financial statements.
- The Income Statement in the Financial Statements shows a Net Operating Result of \$34.5m. The Net Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions is a surplus of \$2.5m.

Recommendation

That, in relation to the financial statements required in accordance with section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act):

- a) Council resolves that, in its opinion, the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2025:
 - have been properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the associated Regulations thereunder, the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;
 - to the best of the Council's knowledge and belief, the statements present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year and accord with the Council's accounting and other records; and
 - the Council is unaware of any matter that would render the financial statements false or misleading in any way.
- b) Council declares that there are no business activities requiring the preparation of Special Purpose Financial Statements.
- c) Council notes the requirement for the General Purpose Financial Statements to be signed by the Mayor, one other Councillor (the Deputy Mayor), the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.
- d) the Financial Statements be referred to the Audit Office of NSW for audit.
- e) arrangements be made to place copies of the audited Financial Statements on public exhibition, and the necessary advertisements be published.
- f) a copy of the audited Financial Statements be forwarded to the NSW Office of Local Government.
- g) the audited Financial Statements be presented at a meeting of Council to be held in accordance with section 418 of the Act.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements
2.  Financial Statements - Statement by Councillors and Management


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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to refer the Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements to the Audit Office of NSW for audit purposes. The audited 2024-25 Financial Statements will be brought back to Council for adoption at a future Council Meeting.

Council's financial statements for the year must be prepared and audited within four months after the end of the year concerned, as per section 416(1) of the Act.

The statutory process that must be followed is:

1. The financial statements must include statements made by resolution of the Council and signed by the Mayor, and at least one other Councillor (Deputy Mayor), as well as the General Manager, and the Responsible Accounting Officer.
2. The financial statements must then be referred to the Council's Auditors and, once audited, must be included in the Council's Annual Report.
3. Copies of the audited financial statements must be forwarded to the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2025.
4. As soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the Auditor's report, the statements must be placed on public exhibition and notice given of a meeting at which Council proposes to present its audited financial statements together with the Auditor's report. (section 418 of the Act).

Discussion

The Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Act and the associated Regulations, the Australian Accounting Standards, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. The unaudited Financial Statements are provided under separate cover as Attachment 1 to this report.

The Income Statement in the Financial Statements shows a Net Operating Result of \$34.5m. The Net Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions is \$2.5m.

Reserves movements, including 2024-25 Carry Over report (Ordinary Council 29 July 2025 - Report CO37/25), and the following transfers into internally restricted reserves have been included in the financial statements for year-end closing:

Description	Amount \$m
Transfer into Infrastructure Reserve for future funding of capital projects.	3.0
Transfer into Information & Communication Technology Reserve to provide funding for projects in development to address legacy systems and upgrades.	3.0

Section 413(2) of the Act requires the Council to form an opinion as to whether the Council's Financial Statements reflect a true and fair position and that they have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Act and associated codes and standards. Statements to this effect have been prepared (refer Attachment 2) and will be presented for signature.

Subsequent to these Statements being signed, the Financial Statements will be referred to the Audit Office of NSW for audit. On completion of the audit, the final copies of the statements, including the audit report, will be circulated to all Councillors.

It is proposed that the audited financial statements be presented at a Council meeting as soon as practicable after receipt of the final audit report.

The Financial Statements will also be forwarded to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) to provide committee members with an opportunity to review the Financial Statements and submit any questions or feedback for consideration while the statements are with the Audit Office of NSW.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
Function	Accounting
Delivery program commitment	Manage and record the financial transactions arising from Council's activities, including the levy and collection of rates and charges, and the preparation of financial statements and returns.

Risks

Risk	Description	Mitigation
Legal/Governance Risk	If legislated deadlines and/or time to exhibit are missed, Council may demonstrate poor governance of the financial management process.	The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to refer the Draft 2024-25 Financial Statements to the Audit Office of NSW for audit purposes and to authorise the public exhibition of the statements in accordance with legislated timelines.
Reputational/Image	Missing deadlines or poor audit outcomes may result in loss of community confidence.	The audited financial statements will be submitted to the Office of Local Government and be presented to Council as soon as practicable after receipt of the final audit report.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no resource implication from this report.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993
 Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
 Australian Accounting Standards
 Office for Local Government, 2024-25 Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Conclusion

As soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the Auditor’s report, the Financial Statements will be placed on public exhibition and notice given of a meeting at which Council proposes to present its audited Financial Statements together with the Auditor’s report, as per section 418 of the Act.

Responsible officer: Stephen Wong, Chief Financial Officer

File Reference: F2021/00364

Randwick City Council

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

Statement by Councillors and Management

Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413 (2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 26 August 2025.

Dylan Parker
Mayor
26 August 2025

Marea Wilson
Councillor
26 August 2025

Ray Brownlee PSM
General Manager
26 August 2025

Stephen Wong
Responsible Accounting Officer
26 August 2025

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO45/25

Subject: Monthly Financial Report for 31 July 2025

Executive Summary

- Monthly Financial Reports are produced as a means of monitoring the financial performance of the Council and ensuring that all appropriate financial controls are being adhered to.
- Council's liquidity remains sound as of 31 July 2025, with sufficient capacity to meet short - term obligations as they fall due.
- The Chief Financial Officer, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position remains sound.

Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report for 31 July 2025 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.   Monthly Financial Statement - Income Statement - July 2025
2.   Monthly Financial Statement - Balance Sheet - July 2025
3.   Monthly Financial Statement - Cash Flow Statement- July 2025

Purpose

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

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

Discussion

This report provides the financial results of Council for 31 July 2025.

Income Statement (Attachment 1):

- The Income Statement provides a summary of Council’s year-to-date financial performance for the reporting period, detailing total revenue earned, expenses incurred, and the resulting net surplus or deficit.
- Interest on investments for July was 14.1%, exceeding the monthly average. Forecast interest rate reductions in the coming months are expected to bring interest rate assumptions back in line with current budget assumptions.
- Overall, both income and expenditure for July are tracking in line with budget expectations.

2025-26 Financial Performance Summary

	Original Budget (\$'000)	Carry Over 2024-25 Budget (\$'000)	Current Budget (\$'000)	July 2025 YTD Actual (\$'000)
Revenue from continuing operations	217,064	11,152	228,216	18,101
Expenses from continuing operations	206,480	1,519	207,999	13,454
Net Operating result	10,584	9,633	20,218	4,647
Net Operating result before Capital	1,089	(291)	798	4,263

Balance Sheet Statement (Attachment 2):

The Balance Sheet provides a snapshot of Council’s financial position at a specific point in time, detailing its assets, liabilities, and equity. In essence, it reflects the Council’s net worth, showing what the Council owns and owes as at the reporting date.

Cash Flow Statement (Attachment 3):

The Cash Flow Statement outlines how cash is generated and used across three key activities: operating, investing, and financing. The net result of these activities is referred to as net cash flow. This statement provides insight into Council’s ability to manage its cash position, demonstrating how effectively it generates sufficient cash to meet its debt obligations and fund day-to-day operations.

The current ratio is a key liquidity measure that assesses Council’s ability to meet its short-term financial obligations - those due within one year. As of 31 July 2025, Council’s current ratio stands at 3.46, the Office of Local Government’s benchmark is 1.5. Council’s liquidity remains sound.

The year-to-date Operating Result as of 31 July 2025 is \$4.6m, with the Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions at \$4.2m.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
Function	Accounting
Delivery program commitment	Manage and record the financial transactions arising from Council's activities, including the levy and collection of rates and charges, and the preparation of financial statements and returns.

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Resourcing Strategy implications

There are nil implications from this report.

Policy and legislative requirements

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Conclusion

Council's Chief Financial Officer as the Responsible Accounting Officer advises that the financial position is sound.

Responsible officer: Zorica Whitby, Management Accountant

File Reference: F2021/00364

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INCOME STATEMENT

For the period ended 31 July 2025

% OF YEAR EXPIRED
AT 31 JUL 2025 **8%**

	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Actuals (\$'000s)	% Spent or Earned
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Employee Costs	91,454	91,454	6,778	7.4%
Borrowing Costs	472	472	42	9.0%
Materials and Contracts	76,306	77,825	4,277	5.5%
Depreciation and Amortisation	28,063	28,063	2,339	8.3%
Other Operating Expenses	5,685	5,685	18	0.3%
Loss on Disposal of Infrastructure Assets	4,500	4,500	-	0.0%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	206,480	207,999	13,454	6.5%

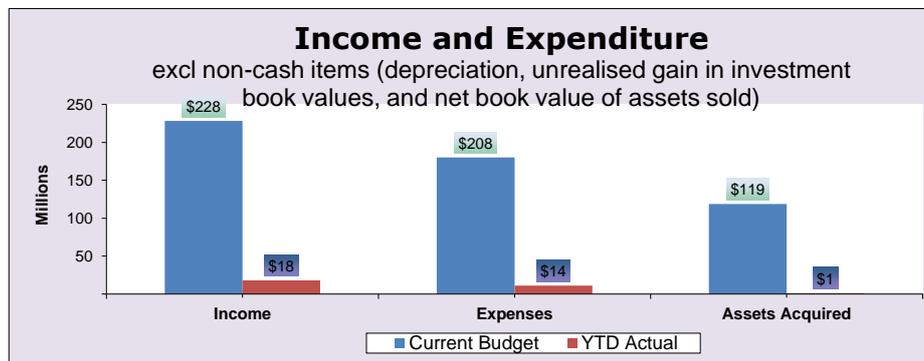
	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Actuals (\$'000s)	% Spent or Earned
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Rates and Annual Charges	155,573	155,573	12,582	8.1%
User Charges and Fees	24,913	24,913	3,399	13.6%
Interest	5,220	5,220	736	14.1%
Other Revenues	8,180	8,180	146	1.8%
Other Income	6,095	6,095	518	8.5%
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,588	7,712	335	4.3%
Capital Grants and Contributions	9,495	19,420	385	2.0%
Gain on Disposal of Plant & Fleet Assets	-	1,103	-	0.0%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	217,064	228,216	18,101	7.9%
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	10,584	20,218	4,647	

FUNDING STATEMENT

SOURCE OF FUNDS				
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations - Accrual	10,584	20,218	4,647	23.0%
Add Back Non-Cash Items included in Income & Expenses Items above				
- Depreciation & Pre-paid lease income recognition	27,431	27,431	2,339	8.5%
- Written down value of assets sold / renewed	7,055	7,055	-	0.0%
- Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on Market Value of Invest	-	-	10	0.0%
- Transfer from Internal Reserves	14,239	63,832	-	0.0%
- Transfer from External Reserves	18,043	30,854	-	0.0%
Net Funds Available	77,353	149,389	6,996	4.7%

APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Assets Acquired	46,799	118,836	1,299	1.1%
Loan Principal Payment	3,270	3,270	86	2.6%
Transfer to Internal Reserves	11,970	11,970	305	2.5%
Transfer to External Reserves	15,302	15,302	598	3.9%
Total Funds Applied	77,342	149,379	2,288	1.5%

Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	11	11	4,707	
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BALANCE SHEET

	Actual as at 31 July 2025 (\$'000s)	Actual as at 30 June 2025 (\$'000s)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	159,319	164,505
Receivables	14,042	9,787
Inventories & Other	2,176	2,135
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	175,537	176,427
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	20,000	24,000
Receivables	566	566
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	2,071,667	2,070,369
Right of Use Asset	220	220
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,092,453	2,095,155
TOTAL ASSETS	2,267,990	2,271,582
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables & Prepayments	11,550	20,920
Income received in advance	5,823	3,733
Contract liabilities	6,772	6,772
Lease liabilities	3	3
Borrowings	3,270	3,270
Provisions	23,289	24,248
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	50,707	58,946
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income received in advance	19,006	19,006
Borrowings	19,336	19,336
Lease Liabilities	230	230
Provisions	819	819
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	39,391	39,391
TOTAL LIABILITIES	90,098	98,337
NET ASSETS	2,177,892	2,173,245
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	962,369	957,722
Revaluation Reserves	1,215,523	1,215,523
TOTAL EQUITY	2,177,892	2,173,245

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

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	For the period ended 31 July 2025 (\$'000)	Actual for the year ended 30 June 2025 (\$'000)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts:		
Rates and annual charges	4,932	149,171
User charges and fees	3,423	29,809
Interest received	721	8,319
Grants and contributions	646	44,213
Bonds, deposits and retentions received	-	2,920
Other	1,502	25,563
Payments:		
Payments to employees	(10,904)	(85,723)
Payments for materials and services	(4,066)	(93,053)
Borrowing Costs	(42)	(545)
Bonds, Deposits & retentions refunded	106	(2,604)
Other	(4,188)	(9,058)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Operating Activities	(7,870)	69,012
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Receipts:		
Sale of investments	25,893	111,863
Proceeds from sale of IPPE	-	1,437
Payments:		
Purchase of investments	(12,500)	(150,143)
Payments for IPPE	(1,299)	(33,131)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Investing Activities	12,094	(69,974)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Payments:		
Repayment of borrowings	-	(3,199)
Net cash flows from (used in) Financing Activities	0	(3,199)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,224	(4,161)
plus: Cash and cash Equivalents - beginning of year	6,099	10,260
Cash and cash Equivalents - end of the year	10,323	6,099
Additional Information:		
plus: Investments on hand at end of year	168,997	182,406
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	179,320	188,505

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO46/25

Subject: Monthly Investment Report - July 2025

Executive Summary

- This report provides an overview of Council's investment portfolio and performance as of 31 July 2025.
- All investments have been managed in accordance with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, as well as Council's Investment Policy.
- As of 31 July 2025, Council's total investment and cash portfolio stood at \$179.3M. The portfolio generated \$0.7M in interest for the month.
- The investment portfolio provided a solid return of +0.40% (actual) or +4.83% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.60% p.a. (annualised).
- The investment return remains sound. Investment income for the year-to-date (YTD) as of 31 July 2025 is \$0.7M, representing 14% of the current annual budget.
- As the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 have not yet been finalised, there were no reserve movements recorded for the month of July 2025. As such, the breakdown of restricted and unrestricted funds has not been included in this report but will be reinstated in the next reporting period. The CFO is satisfied that reserve movements remain materially consistent with forecasts.
- Cash flow will continue to be closely monitored to meet sufficient liquidity for operational needs.

Recommendation

That the Council receives and notes the Investment Report for July 2025.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The Local Government (General) Regulation requires a written report to be provided to the Ordinary meeting of the Council giving details of all monies invested and a certificate as to whether the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations, and the Council's Investment Policy.

Background

In line with sound financial management principles, surplus cash not required for Council's immediate operational needs is strategically invested within defined risk parameters. The primary objective is to maximise interest income while ensuring the security and liquidity of these funds.

All surplus cash is invested in authorised investments that comply with relevant legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.

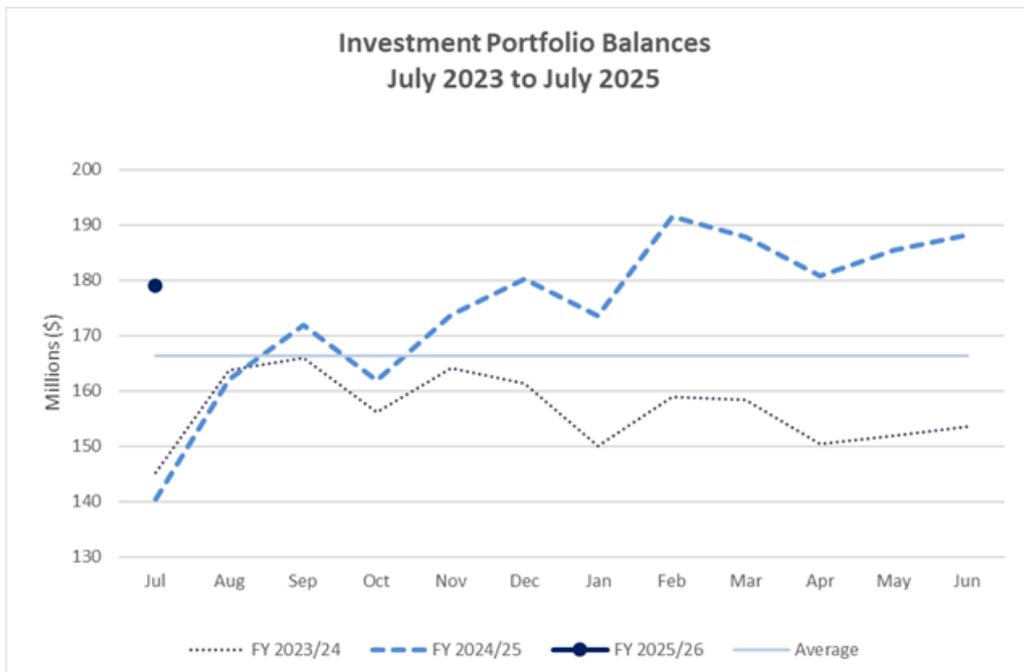
Cash flow is continuously monitored to ensure sufficient liquidity for day-to-day operations including the delivery of Council's capital projects by:

- Managing debtor balances effectively;
- Meeting payment obligations on time; and
- Maintaining a positive cash flow

Portfolio Overview

As of 31 July 2025, the Council's investment portfolio had a market value of \$179.0M. The portfolio decreased by \$9.2M during the month. The value of the investment portfolio can fluctuate significantly from month to month, primarily due to cyclical cash inflows and outflows. Major inflows are primarily driven by the timing of rates instalment due dates and the receipt of various grants, including Financial Assistance Grants.

The variances in the portfolio value from July 2023 to July 2025 are shown in the chart below.



The majority of Council's investment portfolio is allocated to term deposits, comprising 58.37% of the total portfolio. The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA (3.93%), senior floating rate notes (FRNs) (25.27%) and senior and covered fixed bonds (12.43%).

The FRNs provide added liquidity, with most being accessible within 2-3 business days. These FRNs are predominantly issued by higher-rated Australian Deposit-taking Institutions, enabling Council to maintain a focus on secure and high-quality investments.

Investment Performance

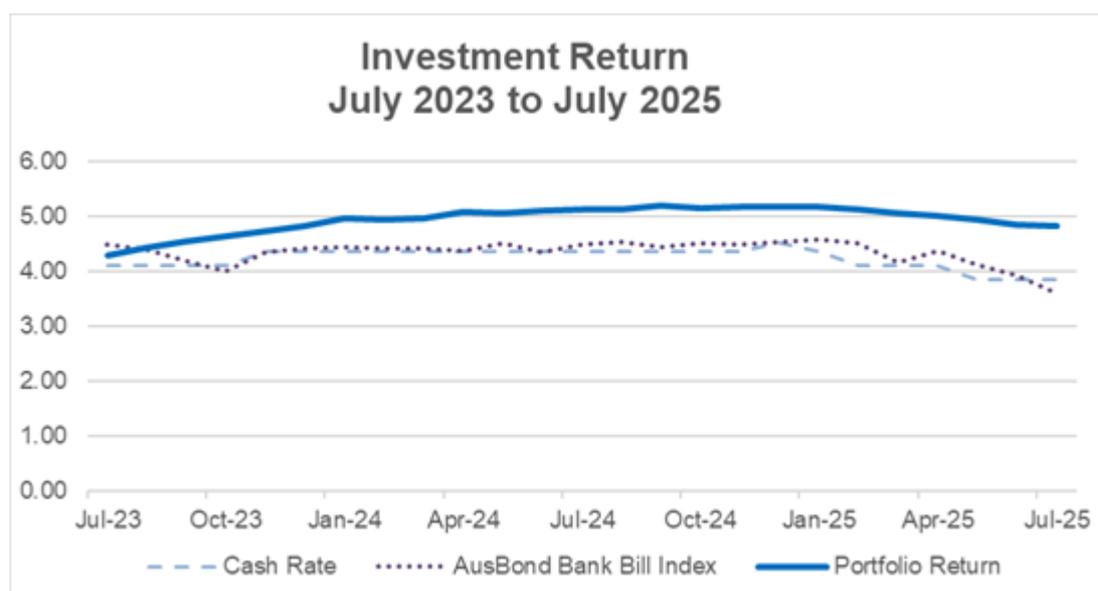
For the month of July, the total portfolio (T/Ds, FRNs and Bonds) provided a solid return of +0.40% (actual) or +4.83% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.60% p.a. (annualised).

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year**	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.32%	0.96%	1.95%	0.32%	4.16%	4.23%	3.89%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.30%	0.97%	2.02%	0.30%	4.31%	4.34%	3.94%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.40%	1.22%	2.44%	0.40%	5.05%	4.93%	4.29%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.41%	1.21%	2.47%	0.41%	5.27%	5.30%	4.87%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.35%	1.02%	1.95%	0.35%	2.65%	1.87%	1.61%
Council's Portfolio*	0.40%	1.21%	2.43%	0.40%	5.07%	4.97%	4.37%
Outperformance	0.10%	0.24%	0.41%	0.10%	0.75%	0.63%	0.43%

*Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

**1 year represents the actual return over the previous 12 months.

The following graph compares the portfolio's investment returns with the AusBond Bank Bill Index and the official RBA cash interest rate for the period from July 2023 to July 2025.



YTD investment income as of 31 July 2025 is \$0.7M, representing 14% of the current annual budget.

Market Condition and Economic Overview

In the June quarter, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 0.7% compared to the previous quarter and 2.1% over the year. These figures were slightly lower than market expectations of 0.8% quarterly and 2.2% annually. The trimmed mean CPI—which removes extreme price changes—went up by 0.6% for the quarter and 2.7% over the year, staying comfortably within the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) target range of 2% to 3%.

Unemployment, however, edged up by 0.2 percentage points to 4.3% in June, the highest rate since November 2021. Given these softer inflation numbers and a slight rise in unemployment, markets are now expecting the RBA to cut the cash rate at its next meeting on 12 August 2025.

Investment Breakdown by Asset Type

On-Call Funds

- On-call funds are maintained to meet Council's immediate cash flow requirements. As of the end of July 2025, the on-call balance stands at \$7.0M, representing 3.93% of the total investment portfolio.

Counterparty	Rating	Balance 30 June 2025	Movement	Balance 31 July 2025	Interest Rate
CBA	AA-	2,789,288	4,239,259	7,028,547	3.85%

Term Deposits

- At month's end, the portfolio included \$104.5M in term deposits making up 58.37% of the total investment portfolio.
- Eleven term deposits, total valued at \$18.0M matured in July 2025.
- As at the end of July 2025, the term deposit portfolio yielded 4.68% p.a. (down 5bp from the previous month).
- Investments denoted with an asterisk (*) are those that do not have any exposure to fossil-fuel lending.

Counter-party	Rating	Balance 30 June 2025	Movement	Balance 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	10/11/21	3/12/25	1.70%
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	10/11/21	9/12/26	1.88%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	3/11/23	5/11/25	5.52%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	8/02/24	17/09/25	5.00%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	29/02/24	2/07/25	4.99%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	13/06/24	17/12/25	5.15%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	30/07/24	24/09/25	5.26%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	7/08/24	1/10/25	4.98%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	20/05/24	9/07/25	5.15%
ING	A	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	4/06/24	16/07/25	5.31%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	15/08/24	8/10/25	5.01%
ING	A	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	4/06/24	23/07/25	5.31%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/08/24	15/10/25	4.93%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	26/08/24	22/10/25	4.92%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	27/08/24	29/10/25	4.95%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	27/08/24	28/01/26	4.75%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	25/07/24	30/07/25	5.35%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	29/08/24	24/12/25	4.84%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	29/08/24	25/03/26	4.71%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	29/08/24	15/07/26	4.55%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2/09/24	7/01/26	4.85%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2/09/24	15/04/26	4.75%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2/09/24	24/06/26	4.70%

Counter-party	Rating	Balance 30 June 2025	Movement	Balance 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	9/09/24	21/01/26	4.77%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	10/09/24	14/01/26	4.78%
NAB	AA-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	16/09/24	15/10/25	4.85%
ING	A	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	16/09/24	1/10/25	4.89%
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	4/10/24	7/10/26	4.55%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/11/24	8/11/27	5.07%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/11/24	7/05/29	5.19%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	20/11/24	15/12/27	5.07%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2/12/24	13/12/28	4.95%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	18/09/24	9/07/25	4.90%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	3/12/24	17/12/25	5.05%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	4/12/24	11/03/26	4.90%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	5/12/24	10/01/29	4.75%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/12/24	10/12/25	4.94%
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	12/12/24	18/03/26	4.76%
ING	A	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	12/12/24	16/12/26	4.72%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/12/24	12/12/29	4.89%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/12/24	20/12/28	4.81%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	20/12/24	17/12/25	4.94%
BOQ*	A-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	20/12/24	10/09/25	5.05%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/25	8/10/25	4.80%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/25	22/04/26	4.68%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/25	1/07/26	4.66%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/25	23/09/26	4.63%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	18/02/25	11/03/26	4.81%
ING	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	27/02/25	6/05/26	4.74%
ING	A	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	5/03/25	15/03/28	4.62%
BOQ*	A-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	28/03/25	31/12/25	4.69%
ING	A	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	3/04/25	8/04/26	4.64%
BOQ*	A-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	2/05/25	10/09/25	4.45%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	13/05/25	11/02/26	4.30%
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	21/05/25	31/12/25	4.27%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	29/05/25	22/04/26	4.17%
Westpac	AA-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	29/05/25	8/04/26	4.16%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	3/03/25	16/07/25	4.70%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	3/06/25	28/01/26	4.30%
BOQ*	A-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	3/06/25	14/01/26	4.30%

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Counter-party	Rating	Balance 30 June 2025	Movement	Balance 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Date Maturity	Interest Rate
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	5/03/25	30/07/25	4.72%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	3/06/25	30/12/25	4.30%
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	6/03/25	8/07/25	4.70%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	17/04/25	22/07/25	4.55%
CBA	AA-	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	29/04/25	2/07/25	4.32%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	10/06/25	25/03/26	4.20%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	10/06/25	5/11/25	4.30%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	25/06/25	4/02/26	4.32%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	30/06/25	1/04/26	4.29%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	30/06/25	24/09/25	4.19%
TOTAL		122,500,000	(18,000,000)	104,500,000			

Floating Rate Notes

- The portfolio includes \$45.2M in FRNs (indicative value), making up 25.27% of the total portfolio.
- FRNs are classified as “held for trading” and are required to be reported at the latest indicative market valuations at month end.
- The indicative market value of the FRNs as at 31 July 2025 decrease by ~\$28K compared to the previous month.
- Council will continue to look at opportunities and new issuances as they become available and switch if viable.
- Investments denoted with an asterisk (*) are those that do not have any exposure to fossil-fuel lending.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	1,700,000	1,700,648	18/06/21	18/06/26	3m BBSW + 58 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	1,750,000	1,749,344	15/09/21	15/09/26	3m BBSW + 48 bps
CBA	AA-	1,750,000	1,764,065	17/08/23	17/08/28	3m BBSW + 95 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	2,800,000	2,820,168	11/09/23	11/09/28	3m BBSW + 93 bps
NAB	AA-	3,200,000	3,232,586	16/11/23	16/11/28	3m BBSW + 103 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	2,250,000	2,276,818	21/11/23	21/11/28	3m BBSW + 115 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	750,000	755,912	5/02/24	5/02/29	3m BBSW + 96 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	2,000,000	2,016,646	26/02/24	26/02/29	3m BBSW + 103 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	2,500,000	2,514,048	19/03/24	19/03/29	3m BBSW + 98 bps
ING	A	500,000	502,689	22/03/24	22/03/27	3m BBSW + 95 bps
NAB	AA-	1,800,000	1,810,944	22/03/24	22/03/29	3m BBSW + 90 bps
BOQ*	A-	2,500,000	2,529,050	30/04/24	30/04/29	3m BBSW + 128 bps
Bendigo and Adelaide*	A-	800,000	804,279	14/05/24	14/05/27	3m BBSW + 105 bps

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ANZ Bank	AA-	1,500,000	1,507,233	18/06/24	18/06/29	3m BBSW + 86 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	1,900,000	1,907,737	17/07/24	17/07/29	3m BBSW + 87.6 bps
ING	A	2,700,000	2,716,095	20/08/24	20/08/29	3m BBSW + 91 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	3,300,000	3,310,827	27/09/24	27/09/29	3m BBSW + 92 bps
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,005,164	14/11/24	14/11/29	3m BBSW + 82 bps
ING	AAA	1,400,000	1,399,538	20/11/24	20/11/29	3m BBSW + 80 bps
Bendigo and Adelaide*	AAA	3,500,000	3,498,705	28/11/24	28/11/29	3m BBSW + 83 bps
CBA	AA-	1,500,000	1,505,432	9/01/25	9/01/30	3m BBSW + 84 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	1,000,000	1,002,479	27/01/22	27/01/27	3m BBSW + 73 bps
NAB	AA-	1,200,000	1,203,347	18/03/25	18/03/30	3m BBSW + 83 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	700,000	702,481	21/05/25	21/05/30	3m BBSW + 93 bps
TOTAL		45,000,000	45,236,233			

* Indicates investments that do not have any exposure to fossil-fuel lending.

Fixed Bonds

- The portfolio includes \$22.3M in Bonds (indicative value), making up 12.43% of the total portfolio.
- The indicative value reflects the amount Council would receive on 31 July 2025 if it were to sell the bonds before their maturity date. However, selling prior to maturity would only be considered if it results in a capital gain. Holding the bonds to maturity guarantees the return of the full principal, along with semi-annual interest payments over the life of the investment.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 July 2025	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ING	AAA	1,794,762	1,748,741	19/08/21	19/08/26	1.10%
Westpac	AA-	2,495,875	2,500,525	19/06/25	19/06/30	4.30%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	598,386	606,694	21/05/25	21/05/30	4.60%
NAB	AA-	1,199,268	1,217,262	18/03/25	18/03/30	4.60%
CBA	AA-	1,497,090	1,532,034	9/01/25	9/01/30	4.75%
Westpac	AA-	2,098,446	2,159,766	21/01/25	21/01/30	4.95%
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	4,500,000	4,484,835	10/07/25	10/07/30	4.30%
Macquarie Bank	A+	8,000,000	8,010,608	17/07/25	17/07/30	4.37%
Total		22,183,827	22,260,466			

Investment Compliance

Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains well-diversified in terms of maturity, with investments spread across maturities of up to 5 years, in alignment with Council's strategic objectives. Short-term holdings ensure liquidity, while longer-term investments capture favourable returns. The maturity profile is structured to maximise returns while maintaining an appropriate balance of liquidity and risk.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit	Max Limit
✓	0-90 days	30,528,547	17.05%	15%	100%
✓	91-365 days	62,700,648	35.02%	15%	100%
✓	1-2 years	10,807,532	6.04%	0%	70%
✓	2-5 years	74,988,518	41.89%	0%	50%
✓	5-10 years	-	-	0%	25%

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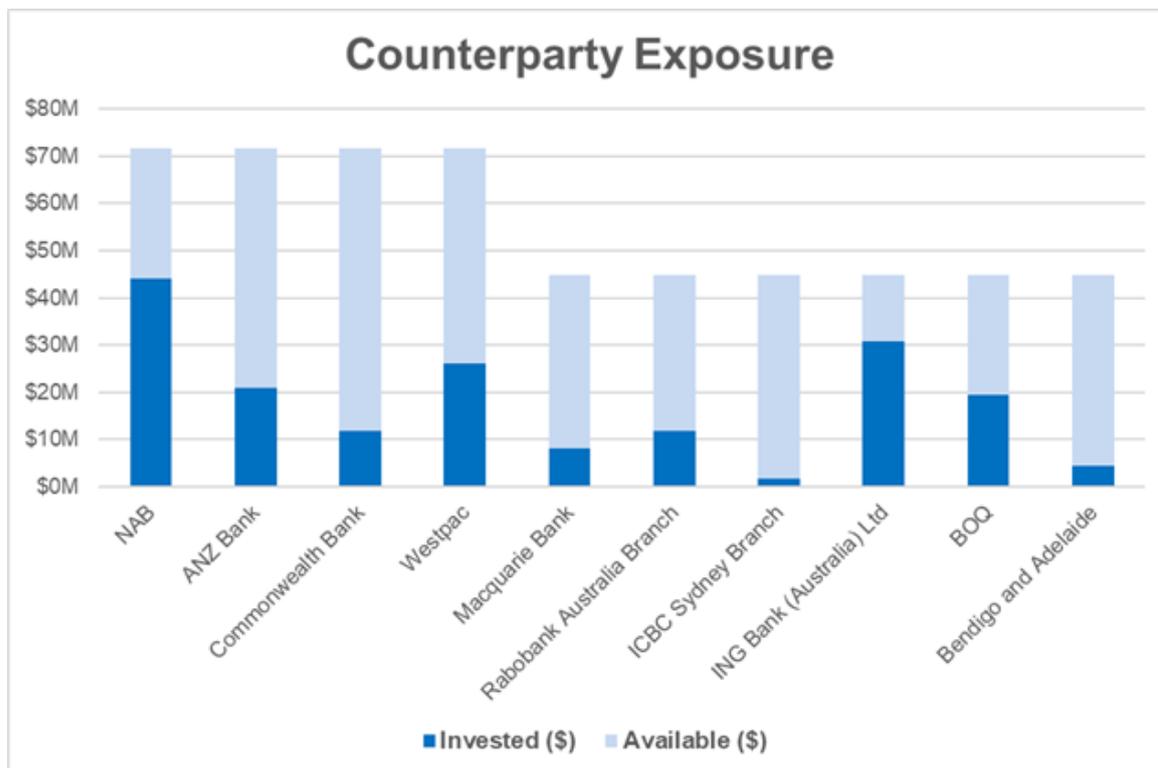
As of the end of July 2025, and based on long-term S&P ratings, Council remains compliant with its policy across all individual counterparties. The investment portfolio is entirely allocated to assets rated "A" or higher, in line with Council's adopted policy framework.

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit	Available
✓	AAA Category	6,646,984	3.72%	100%	172,378,261
✓	AA Category	102,926,377	57.49%	100%	76,098,868
✓	A Category	69,451,883	38.79%	80%	73,768,313
✓	Unrated ADIs	-	-	0%	-

Counterparty

The table below outlines the individual counterparty exposures in relation to Council's current investment policy, based on long-term S&P ratings.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit	Available
✓	NAB	AA-	43,969,302	24.56%	40%	27,640,796
✓	ANZ Bank	AA-	20,966,707	11.71%	40%	50,643,391
✓	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	11,830,077	6.61%	40%	59,780,021
✓	Westpac	AA-	26,160,291	14.61%	40%	45,449,807
✓	Macquarie Bank	A+	8,010,608	4.47%	25%	36,745,703
✓	Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	11,688,515	6.53%	25%	33,067,797
✓	ICBC Sydney Branch	A	1,700,648	0.95%	25%	43,055,664
✓	ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	30,867,063	17.24%	25%	13,889,248
✓	BOQ	A-	19,529,050	10.91%	25%	25,227,261
✓	Bendigo and Adelaide	A-	4,302,984	2.41%	25%	40,453,327



Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) focused Investment

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

Counterparty	Funding fossil fuel	Position
ANZ Bank	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Commonwealth Bank	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
NAB	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Westpac	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
Macquarie Bank	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
ING	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
UBS AG	Not yet determined	No position provided.
ICBC Sydney Branch	Not yet determined	No position provided.
Bank of Queensland	No	Do not loan to fossil fuels.
Bendigo and Adelaide	No	Do not loan to fossil fuels.

As of 31 July 2025, Council’s investments with banks that have no exposure to fossil fuels stand at \$23.8M — maintaining the strong position achieved in June and rising steadily from \$16.3M in May and \$14.8M in April. Although suitable opportunities remain limited, Council’s proactive approach is delivering tangible progress, and it continues to actively seek new avenues that align with its commitment to responsible and sustainable investment.

Institutions	Invested \$	Invested %
No exposure to fossil fuels	23,832,034	13.31%
Exposure to fossil fuels	153,492,563	85.74%
Not yet determined	1,700,648	0.95%

Council staff continue to work closely with Council's Investment Advisor to strengthen ESG reporting and investment practices. While access to detailed ESG data for individual investment products remains limited, staff are committed to improving transparency and aligning with best practice. The upcoming introduction of mandatory sustainability disclosures under the Corporations Act 2001 is expected to enhance data availability, with sustainability reports from banking institutions set to provide valuable insights. This information will be incorporated into future Council Investment Reports—once available—to enhance the quality and depth of ESG reporting.

In line with Council's growing commitment to ESG-aligned investment, staff are actively identifying new banking partners that avoid fossil fuel lending or are recognised for strong ESG credentials. A significant recent step is the onboarding of Rabobank, a global leader in sustainable finance. Rabobank's focus on environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and transparent governance closely aligns with Council's sustainability objectives and its adopted Investment Policy. This partnership supports the ongoing diversification of the investment portfolio into ESG-compliant assets, in accordance with the policy's intent to prioritise ethical and responsible investment opportunities where possible.

Restricted Funds (Local Government Act 1993 s409)

As the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 have not yet been finalised, there were no reserve movements recorded for the month of July 2025. As such, the breakdown of restricted and unrestricted funds has not been included in this report but will be reinstated in the next reporting period. The CFO is satisfied that reserve movements remain materially consistent with forecasts.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 Delivery Program is as follows:

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

Risk Analysis

Risk	Mitigation
Capital preservation risk	Council has implemented a diversification strategy by avoiding investment concentration in any single issuer. Council only engages with banking institutions that possess a credit rating of A- or higher.
Interest rate fluctuations	Council diversifies its investment portfolio across various asset types, including term deposits, fixed-rate bonds, and floating rate notes, balancing the impact of changing interest rates.
Investment underperformance	Council frequently monitors its cash management forecasting requirements and actively seeks increasing returns and investments.

	Additionally, Council regularly evaluates portfolio performance against the relevant benchmark, the AusBond Bank Bill Index, and conducts periodic reviews of its investment strategies to ensure alignment with its objectives.
ESG and Fossil Fuel Exposure	Gradual increase in investment with fossil-fuel-free institutions, subject to credit rating and policy compliance. Ongoing review with Investment Advisor to identify suitable ESG-aligned options.
Policy Non-Compliance	Monthly compliance checks against credit rating, term, and counterparty limits. Oversight by CFO and external investment advisor.

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Resourcing Strategy implications

As at 31 July 2025, the investment portfolio continues to perform strongly, with interest income totalling \$0.7M, representing 14% of the current annual budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
- Investment Ministerial Order 12 January 2011.

Conclusion

Council’s investment strategy for the 2025–26 financial year prioritises capital preservation while seeking to optimise returns in accordance with the adopted Investment Policy.

All investments held as at 31 July 2025 have been made in full compliance with the Local Government Act 1993, relevant regulations, and Council’s Investment Policy.

Responsible officer: Jasmine Hoang, Financial Accountant

File Reference: F2016/06527

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM69/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Protecting the right to peaceful non-violent protest in NSW

Motion:

That Council:

- a) acknowledges the right to peaceful protest is fundamental to a mature democracy;
- b) notes that this right has been under attack in New South Wales;
- c) calls on the NSW Government to repeal changes to the law that have criminalised the right to protest;
- d) requires the General Manager to write to the NSW Premier and Opposition Leader and all local state MPs advocating for this change; and
- e) submits points (a)-(c) of this motion (and Background) to the Local Government NSW 2025 Annual Conference.

Background:

NSW has a proud history of protest movements that have shaped our society. From the first Mardi Gras parade to the renowned Green Bans protecting green space and heritage across Sydney - much of what we love about living here has been hard-won through protest movements. The legal right to protest is fundamental to the proper functioning of our democracy. Only after tireless, sustained protest did First Nations peoples win the right to vote, did LGBTIQ+ people achieve marriage equality, and did unions secure the eight-hour workday.

The Human Rights Law Centre's Protest in Peril report found that the right to protest has been under attack by governments and institutions. Over the previous 20 years NSW has passed more anti-protest laws than any other Australian jurisdiction, including:

- a) in 2018 the NSW State Government acted to shut down peaceful protests against CSG and coal mining through its The Inclosed Lands, Crimes and Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Interference) Bill 2016;
- b) in 2022 the NSW Parliament passed legislation to prevent 'illegal protesting' on major roads, bridges, tunnels, public transport and infrastructure facilities. The new legislation amended section 144G the Roads Act 1993 which criminalises causing serious disruption by entering, remaining on or trespassing on prescribed major bridges and tunnels, to now include all "main roads". Offences carry a maximum penalty of \$22,000 or two years in gaol, or both;
- c) the Crimes Amendment (Obstructing a Railway) Bill 2025 increased the penalty for obstructing a railway and broadened the definition such that light rail could be captured in the offence, and included obstructing a railway as an offence in Part 4AF of the Crimes Act;
- d) the Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025 which added places of worship into Part 4AF of the Crimes Act and gave police broad and vague "move on" powers in the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities Act) to disperse protesters near a place of worship;

Under Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the right to peaceful assembly shall be recognised. No restrictions may be imposed unless the protest is an imposition

to national security, public safety, public order, the protection of public health, morals or the rights and freedoms of others. Australia has ratified this international agreement and therefore laws should not be passed that are inconsistent with this right. These anti-protest laws are an affront to our democracy and must be repealed.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

NM69/25

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM70/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Pedestrian Crossing on Fitzgerald Avenue between Bunnerong Road and Anzac Parade

Motion:

That:

- a) Council ask the Traffic Committee to investigate the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Fitzgerald Avenue between Bunnerong Road and Anzac Parade; and
- b) the Traffic Committee is to determine the most suitable location on Fitzgerald Avenue for this pedestrian crossing.

Background:

Fitzgerald Avenue is a busy road, especially between Bunnerong Road and Anzac Parade.

Several residents who live in the area, have mentioned that it is becoming more difficult to cross Fitzgerald Avenue at certain times, especially when there is sport being played at Heffron Park.

This will become worse when the Heffron Park market trials commence in October 2025.

Source of Funding:

Nil required at this stage.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2005/00825

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM71/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Dog Friendly Beach

Motion:

That Council ask for a report recommending a suitable location within the LGA for an off-leash dog beach trial to be conducted.

Background:

A large number of residents have expressed their dissatisfaction that Randwick LGA having never conducted a trial with regards to an off-leash dog beach. A number of other coastal councils have dog friendly beaches.

Recently Yarra Bay Beach was described as an unsuitable location for this trial by Council officers. As such another location needs to be found to conduct the trial.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2011/00200

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM72/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Installation of Pedestrian Countdown Timers at the intersection of Coogee Bay Road and Arden Street, Coogee

Motion:

That Council:

- a) investigates and advocates to the relevant authority for the installation of pedestrian countdown timers, in replacement of existing red flashing signals at the intersection of Coogee Bay Road and Arden Street, Coogee, in order to show pedestrians how many seconds they have left before vehicles get a green light;
- b) notes that the intersection of Coogee Bay Road and Arden Street is a high-traffic pedestrian hub, given its proximity to Coogee Beach, local businesses, and public transport connections;
- c) notes that the introduction would meet all of the six principles for walking infrastructure within Randwick City Council's Active Transport Plan: Walking and Cycling, June 2024, being;
 - i. Safe and Secure - day and night
 - ii. Direct - minimal wait times
 - iii. Connected and legible - readable and accurate
 - iv. Attractive - inviting and joyful to pass through
 - v. Comfortable - unhindered movement
 - vi. Inclusive - usable by all ages and abilities
- d) staff bring back a report to Council on the outcomes of the advocacy and any associated cost or installation considerations that Randwick Council need to work through, including recommendations. Investigations to include a scramble pedestrian crossing.

Background:

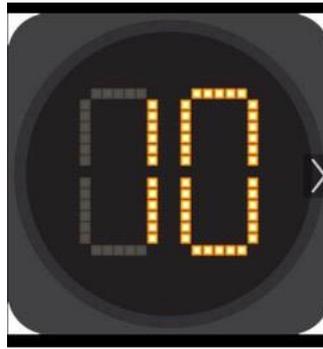
Pedestrian countdown timers at traffic lights provide clear, visible information to pedestrians on the time remaining to safely cross the road, offering several key benefits;

- Improved Safety – Pedestrians can make informed decisions on whether to begin crossing, reducing the likelihood of being caught in the middle of the road when the lights change.
- Better Accessibility – Assists the elderly, parents with prams, and people with mobility challenges by allowing them to plan their crossing more effectively.
- Reduced Risk-Taking – When people know precisely how much time remains, they are less likely to rush or attempt to cross late in the cycle.
- Enhanced Traffic Flow – Clearer pedestrian behaviour can also improve safety and predictability for drivers.

Installing a set of pedestrian countdown timers at this intersection would be a practical, low-cost improvement to enhance pedestrian safety and confidence, especially during peak visitor periods.

Studies consistently show these timers reduce the number of pedestrians crossing late in the sequence, which, coupled with crash data, suggests potential trauma-reduction benefits.

NM72/25



Source of funding:

Nil funding required at this stage.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Martin, East Ward

File Reference: F2005/00825

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM73/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Magner - Investigation into Implementation of Reduced Speed Limits on Residential Streets

Motion:

That Council:

- a) investigates the implementation of 40km/h speed limits on residential streets throughout the Randwick Local Government Area;
- b) investigates the implementation of 30km/h speed limits in high pedestrian traffic areas, school zones during school hours, and areas with significant child activity;
- c) commissions a study to:
 - i. identify suitable residential streets and high traffic pedestrian areas for speed limit reductions
 - ii. assess the potential impact on pedestrian and cyclist safety, particularly for children
 - iii. evaluate the impact on vehicle travel times and traffic flow
 - iv. estimate implementation costs including signage, road markings, traffic calming and enforcement requirements.
- d) examines the experiences and outcomes of similar speed limit implementations in other Australian local government areas that have implemented 40km/h and 30km/h speed limits.
- e) consults with relevant stakeholders including NSW Police Force, Transport for NSW, local schools, resident, business and community groups; and
- f) staff report back to Council with findings and recommendations for implementation.

Background:

Randwick City Council's residential streets experience significant pedestrian activity, with families, elderly residents, and children regularly using these spaces for daily activities. Randwick City Council has a responsibility to ensure the safety of all road users, particularly vulnerable road users including pedestrians, cyclists, and children.

Evidence from Neighbouring Councils

Waverley Council has successfully implemented 40km/h speed limits on residential streets with documented improvements in pedestrian safety and minimal impact on travel times. City of Sydney has been a leader in implementing both 40km/h and 30km/h speed limits, demonstrating that reduced speed limits significantly decrease injury severity in pedestrian-vehicle collisions while travel time impacts for motorists are minimal, typically adding only seconds to journey times.

The NSW Government has already implemented High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) speed zones with 30km/h limits in areas like Manly, demonstrating government support for evidence-based speed reduction measures.

Safety Evidence

Research consistently demonstrates that a reduction from 50km/h to 40km/h decreases the risk of pedestrian fatality by approximately 30%. At 30km/h, the risk of pedestrian fatality drops to approximately 10%, compared to 40% at 40km/h and over 80% at 50km/h.

Minimal Travel Impact

Studies from implemented schemes across Australia show average journey time increases of less than 30 seconds for typical residential street trips, with no significant impact on main arterial road traffic flow.

Community Benefits

Reduced speed limits will create safer environments for children to walk and cycle to school, more pleasant residential streets encouraging community interaction, reduced traffic noise and pollution, and enhanced neighbourhood amenity. This aligns with Council's commitment to creating liveable, family-friendly communities throughout the Randwick LGA.

Source of funding:

Funding for the comprehensive study and consultation process to be sourced from existing Council operational budget allocations for traffic and transport planning studies. Any subsequent implementation costs to be subject to separate Council consideration and budget allocation following the completion of the investigation and reporting phase.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Magner, North Ward

File Reference: F2015/00358

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM74/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Magner - Measuring Social Impact of Community Grants

Motion:

That Council:

- a) investigate options for better measuring the social impact of our Community Investment Program grants; and
- b) staff prepare a report on:
 - i. whether we can implement Social Return on Investment (SROI) reporting or a simpler alternative
 - ii. a framework that works for both Council and small community groups
 - iii. changes needed to our current grant application and reporting processes
 - iv. costs and resources required
 - v. timeline for implementation.

Background:

Currently, Council provides community grants but has limited ways to measure their real social impact and value to our community.

This motion seeks to develop tools to:

- **Make better funding decisions** - by having clear data on which programs create the most community benefit
- **Improve grant outcomes** - by helping funded groups understand and enhance their impact
- **Show accountability** - by demonstrating to ratepayers how their money creates community value
- **Keep it practical** - by ensuring any new framework isn't too burdensome for small volunteer groups.

The goal is to find a balanced approach that gives Council meaningful data about grant effectiveness while remaining manageable for community organisations to implement.

This would help Council demonstrate the value of community investments and support funded groups in showing their contributions to our community's wellbeing.

Source of funding:

Not applicable at this stage.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Magner, North Ward

File Reference: F2025/06600

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM75/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Recommendation if Kensington Supermarket site is declared State Significant Development

Motion:

That the General Manager write the NSW Housing Development Authority outlining the Council's concerns with the development outlined in the Expressions of Interest for 59A-71 Boronia St and 77-103 Anzac Parade Kensington, which is proposing a development of 28 Storeys and to indicate that in any development that occurs on the site, the following elements are to be provided:

- Very Large Format Supermarket, approximately 4500sqm or more
- Public Toilets
- Parking to serve the supermarket, in addition to at least one parking space per unit
- Childcare services, particularly for the 0-2 year age group
- Affordable Housing contribution of 15% of the proposed residential floorspace transferred in perpetuity to Randwick City Council
- Community infrastructure contributions for public domain, traffic upgrades and improvements in the surrounding streets.

Background:

Kensington Supermarket

In NM63/22, Randwick Council adopted a policy to pursue a supermarket of over 2000sqm in Kensington.

This was responded to with CP8/23 (April 2023 meeting) identifying the difficulties of attracting tenants and finding sites. The report also cites \$164m lost from the Kensington economy in 12 months, from local residents shopping out of the suburb. The report also noted that a 4500 sqm supermarket would attract a large national chain that could offer a full-service supermarket.

Public Toilets

There are some public toilets in Kensington at Kensington Park, and at UNSW. Unfortunately, there are no public toilets in Kensington Town Centre, and any larger development should look to provide them as an essential public amenity so that we can meet resident expectations.

Childcare

In a report to Council in May 2025 CC17/25, Council has analysed the issues facing childcare provision. A systemic gap was found particularly with children aged 0-2.

As this development will make Kensington into a growth area, childcare services will need to be provided to families locally.

Anson Development

The Anson Development has a long history. The site proposed has merged 11 lots and was initially proposed in DA/395/2022 to be 9 Storeys with a supermarket of around 1200sqm.

In the first council meeting after the 2024 election, NM28/24 was passed, looking for opportunities to amend the development application, requesting a supermarket (2000-2500sqm), public toilets, additional parking spaces.

The NSW Government separately proposed an uplift program, that would allow these developers an additional five storeys if they provided 15% social housing, so they could have a 14 storey tower.

Given the motion of council and the public housing uplift situation, the developers proposed to council an additional four storeys in exchange for a 2800sqm supermarket, and the public toilets.

In the event the building goes even higher, against the support of council, the development should proceed on similar terms, but offering an even larger supermarket and appropriate parking spaces to give the residents of Kensington a new, better hub to bring Kensington back to life.

Housing Delivery Authority

The NSW Housing Development Authority, comprising three senior civil servants, have started taking expressions of interest from developers in January. They have already recommended five local projects representing 1317 homes for fast tracked development, where they are declared a State Significant Development. Four of the five are in West Ward:

- 721 - 39 Barker St, Kensington
- 237 - 73-109 Belmore Rd, Randwick
- 140 - 251-257 Maroubra Rd and 133-135 Garden St, Maroubra
- 115 - 123, 125, 127-129, 131, 135-19 Alison Rd and 1 Elizabeth Lane, Randwick
- 104 - 16-18, 20, 22-24 Belmore Rd, Randwick

There are a further nine locations in Randwick City being considered by the Housing Development Authority, one of which is the Anson Development.

The criteria used for determining whether a project is a state significant development are:

1. Identify high-yield housing proposals by focusing on known high-yield types of residential accommodation.
2. Identify housing projects that can be assessed and constructed quickly by focusing on more compliant, major housing proposals that can commence construction quickly.
3. Drive quality and affordable housing by focusing on housing development proposals that are well-located, have enabling infrastructure and contribute to affordable housing supply.
4. Complement the State Significant Rezoning Policy by providing a potential pathway for major housing proposals that are seeking concurrent rezoning.

Ominously, if a project that delivers 104 dwellings is fast-tracked under the HDA, there will be many more projects similarly recommended. This means they will be assessed as state significant and council will not be the consent authority.

Notably, the criteria does not mention requiring any social housing be permanently handed over to council, nor any consideration of the benefit to the local area, as provided by a Supermarket, Public Toilets, Childcare and a Parking Lot. This motion is dedicated to the point that if the Housing Delivery Authority wants to take it out of Randwick Council's hands to approve the development to a much higher height, they must remember the public benefit to the residents of Kensington provided by the amenities.

Source of funding:

N/A.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: DA/395/2022

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM76/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Reminding cyclists to use the Doncaster Avenue Cycleway

Motion:

That Council:

- a) investigate signage that reminds cyclists of their legal requirements to use the cycleway on the Eastern side of Doncaster Avenue, to be installed at Alison Road, Day Avenue and other intervals if appropriate; and
- b) investigate signage Anzac Parade Kensington, in the area west of Doncaster Avenue that will encourage cyclists to use the Doncaster Avenue cycleway and remind them of fines for riding on the footpath.

Background:

The Doncaster Avenue cycleway has been in place for years - though with an incomplete intersection at Anzac Parade - and has low patronage. The intersection with Anzac Parade is due to start construction on Sunday 24th August 2025. While I have reservations about southbound motorists being unable to turn right into Anzac, the decision has been made. This will soon allow cyclists to have a direct path through that intersection without using the footpath.

Since the construction of the Light Rail, Anzac Parade has been narrowed to two lanes for the most part, with very little shoulder for a cyclist to ride on. This will cause some cyclists to ride on the footpath - perhaps for their own safety. This then jeopardises pedestrian safety and is generally illegal if they are over 16 and not accompanying a child.

There is also a persistent problem with traffic on Doncaster Avenue, which is made worse by cyclists not using the bicycle lane. The road lanes were also narrowed for cars, which may have been a contributing factor in an accident which saw a car flipped over.

Areas such as the Ascot Street roundabout require four sharp turns in the bicycle lane, which requires a reduction in speed, and a cyclist can save a few seconds by going straight ahead. This does interfere with the flow of motorists on the roundabout proper.

The completion of the final section of the cycleway gives us an opportunity for a public safety campaign to be launched, which gets people using it and reminded of their legal requirements.

Source of funding:

2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/07424

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM77/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Investigating childcare options in Council Halls and new developments

Motion:

That Council:

- a) notes that Randwick City needs more childcare. In report CC17/25 it was particularly noted that we have a gap in the 0-2 year age range;
- b) notes that after the Only About Children childcare at 106 Storey St Maroubra was closed for a year, 27 Munda St Randwick was used as a temporary centre to cope with the need, and council services were able to continue with one less hall;
- c) considers that Council owned assets as potential sites to provide more affordable childcare centres as part of the infrastructure needs assessment;
- d) notes the increasing number of proposals that have been recommended by the Housing Development Authority to proceed as State Significant Development and the necessity for the Council to outline the key planning issues of the proposed development, via the notification process, to ensure such matters are addressed as part of the assessment and determination of the applications;
- e) notes that consideration will be given to opportunities for childcare centres to be included in proposals declared as State Significant within local government area; and
- f) notes that based on the childcare needs within the local government area, that as part of the pre-lodgement process of a development proposal, discussions occur with land owners/developers on exploring opportunities for a childcare centre to be included within development.

Background:

In the early hours of 21 January 2025, the Only About Children Childcare Centre at 106 Storey St Maroubra was attacked as a part of a terrible wave of antisemitic attacks perpetrated across Sydney.

The childcare centre was forced to close to renovate, and is still not open to receiving students. To assist, facilities were made available at 27 Munda St Randwick for a year, to assist the families who were displaced, called "OAC in the Park". It is expected that the Maroubra location will reopen next year, and there is current plan for what to do with the 27 Munda St site.

In November 2023 meeting, NM82/23 passed which asked Randwick Council to report on the availability of Childcare in Randwick City. The report was returned May 2025 CC17/25, which analysed the issues facing childcare provision, but has not yet recommended additional sites or zoning, which will be a subject of a future report.

It remains generally true though, that parents who approach me about childcare services want more locations available and more options for where they can send their child, as more competition improves quality and can lower prices.

There can be some great synergy with including childcare centres as part of new developments. Most notably, you are including the essential infrastructure near the high population growth, allowing young families to live near their regularly needed services

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: F2025/00194

NM77/25

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM78/25

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hamilton - Vale David Stratton

Motion:

That Council:

- a) pay tribute to David Stratton, co-host of *The Movie Show* and *At The Movies*, whose more than 28 year career was recently celebrated at the Spot in Randwick. David along with Margaret Pomeranz were inducted into the Australian Film Walk of Fame on 1 June 2025;
- b) David passed away 14 August 2025 at the age of 85 after retiring in December 2023 from a career in the film industry spanning 57 years; and
- c) hold a one minute silence in honour of his life and legacy.

On behalf of Randwick City Council, we acknowledge with sadness the passing of David Stratton on 14 August 2025, at the age of 85.

Background:

David was one of Australia's most respected and influential film critics. Together with his long-time collaborator, Margaret Pomeranz, he shaped the way Australians experienced cinema through their iconic television programs *The Movie Show* and *At the Movies*.

His legacy is not only national but deeply connected to our own community. On 1 June 2025, Randwick City Council proudly hosted David's final public appearance at Ritz Cinemas Randwick for *An Evening with Margaret and David*. That evening, he and Margaret unveiled their joint star on the Australian Film Walk of Fame becoming the first duo, and the first non-actors, to be inducted. It was a historic moment for the Walk of Fame and for Randwick City.

David Stratton's contribution to film and culture will continue to inspire generations of filmmakers, critics, and audiences alike.

Randwick City Council extends its heartfelt condolences to David's family, friends, and all who were touched by his life and work.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hamilton, North Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347