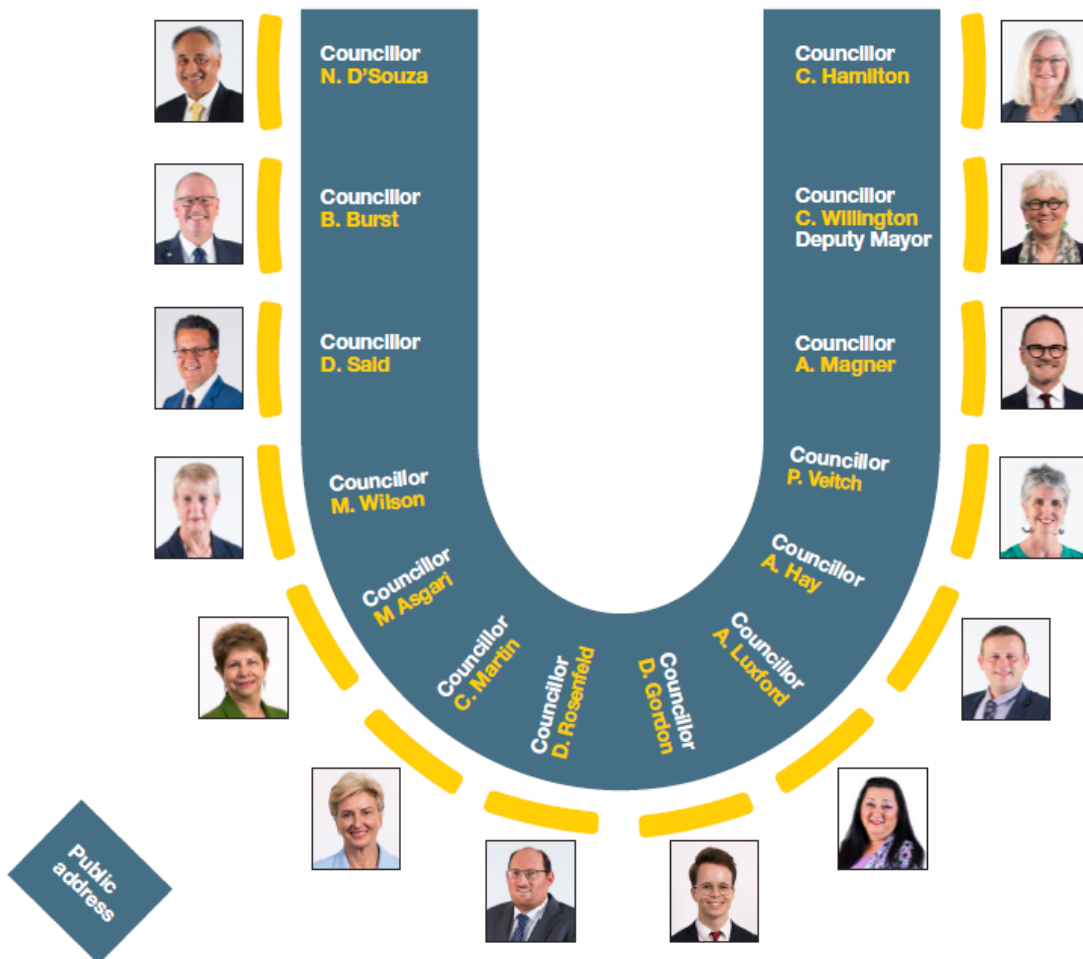


Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 May 2026

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Acknowledgement of Country

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples who occupied the Sydney Coast, being the traditional owners. On behalf of Randwick City Council, I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past and present, and to Aboriginal people in attendance today."

Prayer

*"Almighty God,
We humbly beseech you to bestow your blessings upon this Council and to direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Randwick and Australia.
Amen"*

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Ray Brownlee, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM15/26

Subject: Investigation in to Live Site for Netball World Cup 2027

Motion:

That Council:

1. notes that Sydney will host the Netball World Cup from 25 August to 5 September 2027;
2. acknowledges the strong netball heritage of Randwick City and the important role of Randwick Netball Association and Heffron Park as a major hub for the sport in New South Wales; and
3. requests that Council Officers investigate the feasibility of Council hosting an official Live Site for the Netball World Cup Sydney 2027, including potential partnership opportunities with Netball Australia, Netball NSW and Randwick Netball Association.

Background:

The 2027 Netball World Cup will be held in Sydney, from August 25 to September 5, 2027. The tournament will feature 16 international teams competing at the Qudos Bank Arena, marking the third time Sydney has hosted the premier event.

16 teams will compete, with Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, England, South Africa, and Uganda already confirmed based on world rankings as of December 2025.

The tournament will feature 64 matches over 12 days, introducing both a Cup and Plate competition.

Significance for Randwick

The Randwick local government area has one of the deepest connections to netball communities in NSW. Randwick Netball Association, based at Heffron Park, is the fourth largest netball association in New South Wales, with more than 4,500 registered members and over 10,000 weekly participants. The recent opening of the \$3.5 million outdoor netball stadium at Heffron Park, together with the UTS Randwick Sparks Premier League pathway, has cemented Randwick as a premier destination for the sport. With the Netball World Cup coming to Sydney, Council has a unique opportunity to showcase and grow a sport that plays an important role in the lives of thousands of local women, girls and families.

The Live Site Opportunity

A Randwick Live Site at Heffron Park would bring the World Cup experience directly to residents unable to attend the events at Sydney Olympic Park. It would also drive visitation to local businesses and hospitality precincts during the twelve days of competition, strengthen Council's commitment to women's and girls' sport, and leave a lasting participation legacy by connecting event excitement to local club registration and school engagement.

The Live Site concept is proven, following soccer live site events at both Maroubra Beach for the Men's World Cup, and Heffron Park for the Women's World Cup. A set-up at the netball courts would be the perfect location for the Netball Cup World Cup Live Site.

Source of funding:

To be determined via a report back.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2025/06574

MM15/26

Mayoral Minute No. MM16/26

Subject: Financial Assistance and Donations - Apr - May 2026

Motion:

That Council:

- a) donate plants from Council's nursery to the value of \$300 to the Masquerade Dinner to raise funds for the Cancer Council
- b) purchase additional tickets for Councillors to attend the Windgap Gala Ball on 23 May 2026, at a total of \$1440.
- c) purchase 11 tickets for Councillors to attend the Bayside Women's Fundraising Event on 20 June 2026 at a total of \$2750.00.

Background:

a) Masquerade Dinner to raise funds for the Cancer Council

As part of an ongoing commitment to raise cancer awareness and to raise much needed funds, this year a Masquerade Dinner has been organized on 27 June 2026 at Little Bay. The organizer is Mary Ugarte.

Council has donated plants in the past.

The event will have approximately 100 people in attendance to raise funds for the Cancer Council, NSW.

b) Windgap Gala Ball – 23 May 2026

The Windgap Foundation has requested Council's support for its biggest fundraising event of the year, the Windgap Gala Ball, being held on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at The Sheraton Grand, Sydney Hyde Park, Grand Ballroom, 161 Elizabeth Street, Hyde Park.

Supporting over 250 young and older adults, Windgap is a well-respected and trusted charity in Sydney's eastern suburbs, dedicated to improving the lives of people living with a disability.

The Annual Gala Ball not only celebrates our vibrant community but also plays a crucial role in raising funds for the services and programs that help participants to live an active and inclusive life.

Council has purchased tickets in support of this worthy cause for a number of years.

c) Bayside Women's Shelter Fundraising – Winter Solstice Dinner

The Bayside Women's Shelter is organising a Winter Solstice Dinner on 20 June 2026 at Brighton,, Brighton Le Sands to support women in the safety of the shelter. The evening will raise much needed funds so that the Women's Shelter can continue to empower women with dignity and guide them with kindness.

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: F2026/06574

MM16/26

Director City Planning Report No. CP11/26

Subject: Financial Support for Six Local Community Organisations to Install Solar Panels and Batteries

Executive Summary

- This report requests financial support from Council for the installation of solar panels, or solar panels with battery storage, at six community sites across the LGA: the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Base, Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office, McIver's Ladies Baths, Clovelly Bowling Club, The Juniors at Malabar and The Juniors at Maroubra.
- These six organisations have progressed their solar investigations through *Solar my Suburb* program, an initiative led by the Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Regional Environment Program (REP). The *Solar my Suburb* program supports community organisations to install solar, providing them with free independent advice, access to funding, tendering and evaluation, celebration and promotions (see www.solarmysuburb.org.au).
- In the last 12 months the REP under this program, worked with 21 organisations across the three local government areas. The six organisations discussed within this report are located within the Randwick City area.
- The six organisations have requested funding from Council seeking up to 50% of the estimated capital cost of solar and battery systems, to support installation and reduce their operational costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Each submission was assessed against evaluation criteria designed to measure value for money and community benefit. All proposals scored 70 or above out of a possible 100.
- In 2020, Council responded to similar requests to provide financial assistance to three community organisations. This support enabled community solar to be installed where it would have otherwise not been possible. At the time, Council provided \$15,000 to each organisation, which covered solar installations only. No batteries were included at the time.
- It is proposed Council consider offering equivalent support for solar, \$15,000 or 50% (whichever is lower), and an additional \$10,000 or 50% (whichever is lower), for batteries. The requested financial support would therefore be between \$8,100 and \$25,000 (inc. GST) per community organisation. Cost estimates have been obtained from expert feasibility reports. The total cost to Council is a maximum of \$93,114 inc. GST. The proposed funding will be allocated from the 2026/27 Environment Levy.
- If approved, funding will be provided to the community organisations once they have accepted a quotation and be valid for a period of 18 months. Unspent funds would be returned to Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse funding based on the criteria outlined in the report for the following organisations under the *Solar my Suburb* program for the installation of solar panels and batteries:
 - Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Base - \$25,000
 - Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office - \$8,100
 - McIver's Ladies Baths - \$11,814
 - Clovelly Bowling Club - \$25,000
 - The Juniors at Malabar - \$15,000
 - The Juniors at Maroubra - \$8,200

- b) endorse that this partial funding is subject to each of the clubs funding the remaining costs of project.
- c) require the clubs appropriately acknowledge Council's support for the solar panel, or solar and battery installations.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to provide financial support for solar panel, or solar panel and battery storage, installations at six local clubs across the Randwick LGA. The funding provided will address upfront capital barriers, enabling these organisations to transition to renewable energy and contribute to Councils' community emission reduction targets.

Discussion

Over the past few months, Council has received requests from a number of organisations across Randwick participating in the Solar my Suburb program. The organisations are seeking support for solar, or solar and battery installations. Requests have been made in the order of \$8,100 to \$43,078.50, reflecting amounts equivalent to 50% of the costs associated with quotes received.

The *Solar My Suburb* program is delivered through the three-council (Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra) Regional Environment Program (REP). It was developed as an expansion of the highly successful *Solar my Schools* program, extending the success from schools to local community organisations.

The program is open to all local community organisations, who can participate at any time. It supports them to install solar and battery systems, providing them with free independent advice, grant support, tendering and evaluation, celebration and promotions (see www.solarmysuburb.org.au).

The recent interest in solar and battery installation among local organisations, and this interest in the *Solar my Suburb* program, has been driven by greater community awareness of climate impacts, increasing member and community expectations for improvements to the sustainability of their operations. The organisations that have engaged with the *Solar my Suburb* program have been supported by the REP to develop individual feasibility reports. These reports have given organisations clearer information regarding installation costs, payback periods and projected energy-saving outcomes, highlighting the long-term operational savings achievable through early investment. Collectively, these factors have accelerated the urgency for organisations to transition to renewable energy.

Six of the clubs participating in the program have approached Randwick Council requesting financial support to assist in installing solar and batteries at their sites. All of the organisations are not for profits and community run and as such any surplus funds are typically reinvested into service delivery and community programs, leaving little capacity to absorb upfront costs associated with solar installation.

At the Ordinary Council meeting of 8 December 2020, Council resolved a similar request, allocating \$15,000 each for solar panels to the following clubs (MM32/20):

- Wylie's Baths (solar installed in 2021)
- Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club (solar installed in 2022)
- South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club (solar installed in 2021).

Councils' previous financial contribution enabled community solar to be installed in situations where this would have otherwise not been possible. Further, Council's Sustainability Rebates program has also funded 1,027 rooftop solar systems throughout the community, totaling at 9,056kW.

Evaluation

Each submission was assessed against evaluation criteria designed to measure value for money and community benefit. The six criteria were:

1. The organisations capacity to undertake the project successfully
2. If the project served as a notable example of sustainability in the Randwick LGA
3. If the project will deliver tangible environmental benefits in the Randwick LGA
4. The ability for the organisation to promote and communicate the project to the community to encourage further action (aimed at behaviour change)

5. If there are any technical barriers that could prevent the project from proceeding
6. If the partial funding from Council would make the difference in the project proceeding or not

Criteria 1 and 2 were weighted slightly higher than items 3 to 6. The maximum possible score was 100. All proposals received a score of 70 or above, demonstrating good value for money and community benefit:

- Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Base - 77
- Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office - 79
- Mclver's Ladies Baths - 82
- Clovelly Bowling Club - 96
- The Juniors at Malabar - 74
- The Juniors at Maroubra - 70.

It is proposed that Council supports these requests generally based on the 2020 approach, by approving funding of up to \$15,000 or 50% of the estimated installation cost (whichever is lower) for solar installations. It is also recommended that Council provide additional funding for battery storage, where requested. Battery storage was not included in the 2020 requests, due to higher costs at the time and a less favorable business case.

The proposed additional funding for battery storage is up to \$10,000 or 50% of the estimated installation cost (whichever is lower). The maximum funding proposed for each community organisation is outlined in Table 1, with a maximum funding allocation of up to \$93,114 including GST.

This contribution is subject to each of the clubs funding the remaining cost of the installation. If approved, funding will be provided to the community organisations once they have accepted a quote and be valid for a period of 18 months. Unspent funds would be returned to Council. If funding is provided by Council, the clubs will be required to appropriately acknowledge Council's support.

Table 1 – Estimated system size, cost and proposed financial support.

Organisation	Approx. solar size (kW)	Approx. battery size (kWh)	Capital cost	Proposed financial support
Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Base	57	50	\$86,157.00	\$25,000
Surf Life Saving - Sydney Branch Office	8	9.6	\$16,200.00	\$8,100
Mclver's Ladies Baths	11	9.6	\$23,628.00	\$11,814
Clovelly Bowling Club	50	35	\$74,489.00	\$25,000
The Juniors – Malabar	85	NA	\$79,149.00	\$15,000
The Juniors - Maroubra	20	NA	\$16,400.00	\$8,200
TOTAL	231	104.2	\$296,023.00	\$93,114.00

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Environment
Outcome	A community more knowledgeable, proactive, and responsive to climate change impacts
Objective	Achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (CO2-equivalent) across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, while acknowledging the significance and importance of aspiring to a 100% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the same timeframe.
Delivery program commitment	Implement community energy-saving programs to achieve direct and indirect greenhouse emission reductions across those participating by 20% by 2035.

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Risks

Strategic Risk Category	Risk Mitigation
Reputational Council support may create expectations for ongoing or expanded funding opportunities.	<p>Staff working on the Solar my Suburb program clearly communicate that funding is limited, discretionary and subject to budget availability.</p> <p>Alternate funding is available to wider community through the Sustainability Rebates program.</p> <p>Councils funding contribution would be positively received by the members of these organisations and the local community</p>
Financial Organisations may be unable to meet their required co-contribution resulting in the project being delayed or stalled.	<p>Written confirmation of funding available will be required before funding is provided to the organisation.</p> <p>The funding also allows the clubs to access the Federal Government's <i>Cheaper Home Batteries Program</i> grant currently available.</p>
Procurement Installations may not meet required procurement, safety or technical standards.	<p>A thorough and transparent feasibility report has been developed for each of the locations, with these independent assessments outlining standards to meet. Council assists with procurement advice as required and will continue to provide support throughout the installation of the solar panels and batteries at the six sites as requested. The organisations procure their solar and battery systems directly with installers.</p>
Implementation There may be project delays, site constraints or specific issues with installation (e.g. underperforming systems)	<p>Relevant approvals have already been received. Sites have been independently accessed through the feasibility report which has identified any potential site constraints.</p> <p>Landowners consent will be obtained for any Council owned property once a preferred installer is selected.</p> <p>Realistic timelines and quality installers will minimise any implementation risks.</p>

Resourcing Strategy implications

Staff: Staffing to oversee the installations of the solar panels and batteries at the six sites would be covered under the 3-Councils REP who will provide ongoing project oversight and facilitation of the solar installations. The REP will track expenditure, communicate directly with the organisations and installers, and ensure reporting obligations are met.

Financial: The funding required would be a maximum of \$93,114. If the quotes for installation are less than the estimated cost in Table 1 the contribution will be reduced to 50% of the new total. The funding is available from the 2026/27 *Environment Levy – Climate Change: Energy Efficiency Program and Solar*.

Policy and legislative requirements

NSW Government Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030

- Priority 1: Drive uptake of proven emissions reduction technologies
- Priority 2: Empower consumers and businesses to make sustainable choices.

Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023

- Guiding Principles (Part 2.8)
 - *There is a critical need to act to address climate change, which is a serious threat to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of New South Wales.*
 - *Action to address climate change should be taken as early as possible to minimise the cost and adverse impacts of climate change.*

Australia's Net Zero Plan

- Priority 1: Clean electricity across the economy
- Priority 2: Lowering emissions by electrification and efficiency

Conclusion

The provision of funding for rooftop solar, or solar and battery, installations at select sites across the Randwick community will help to overcome upfront cost barriers, enable timely project delivery and support Council's commitment to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions. Approval of the funding will deliver long-term environmental, social and economic benefits, which will extend across the broader Randwick local government area.

Responsible officer: Kara Taylor, Manager Sustainability & Resilience

File Reference: F2008/00383

Director City Planning Report No. CP12/26

Subject: Randwick Junction Planning Proposal Post Exhibition Report

Executive Summary

- Council at its meeting on 17 June 2025 (Councillor Said/Luxford) endorsed that the draft Randwick Junction Planning Proposal, draft Randwick Junction Town Centre DCP, Urban Design Report and Affordable Housing Planning be placed on public exhibition.
- This report provides an overview of key issues raised in submissions received in relation to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal (Post Gateway RJPP), draft Randwick Junction Development Control Plan (draft DCP) Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan (AH Plan) which were publicly exhibited from 19 December to 24 February 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the Minister's Gateway Determination Alteration (24 October 2025), the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and Council's adopted Community Participation Plan.
- The Post Gateway RJPP, draft DCP and draft AH Plan are the culmination of a lengthy planning review of the Randwick Junction Town Centre (RJTC) to implement the planning directions and actions of the Randwick Local Strategic Planning Statement, the Randwick Junction Planning Strategy and Randwick Junction Urban Design Framework.
- The Post Gateway RJPP proposes several amendments to the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* (RLEP 2012) including:
 - Rezoning of several properties on the RJTC periphery from R3 Medium Density to E2 Commercial Centre to reflect current retail/commercial uses and facilitate a contiguous business zone;
 - Rezoning of Waratah Plaza from E2 Commercial Centre to RE2 Public Recreation to formalise it as public open space;
 - Considered increases to the Height of Buildings and Floor Space Ratio (FSR) of sites across the centre to encourage urban renewal and heritage restoration;
 - A new non-residential FSR provision to retain and increase employment floor space on strategic sites;
 - An active street frontage provision for main streets to promote economic vibrancy, natural surveillance, and pedestrian safety;
 - Minor housekeeping matters including rectification of mapping anomalies.
- The draft DCP supplements the proposed changes to the RLEP 2012 and includes a broad suite of planning controls and guidelines pertaining to RJTC including block by block controls, design quality provisions, strengthened heritage controls to safeguard the Randwick Junction Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) including guidance for façade treatment improvements, materials, and restoration of heritage items and sustainability and environmental performance measures such as deep soil zones, stormwater management, energy efficiency, and urban heat mitigation.
- A comprehensive engagement program was undertaken during the exhibition period which included information on Council's website, Yoursay Randwick site, hard copies at Council's administration building and libraries, precinct committee briefings, pop up stalls and one on one 'speak to a planner' opportunities (verbal or in person).
- A total of 115 submissions were received from residents/land owners, businesses and government agencies. Sixteen submissions came from agencies or key stakeholders and seven were led by planning consultants on behalf of property owners. Of the general community submissions, 22 were in support of the proposal, 53 in opposition and 17 were neutral.

- This report provides an overview of the engagement program and submissions received and recommends a number of amendments to the documents that have been informed by issues raised in submissions.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the issues raised in submissions received during public exhibition of the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal, Randwick Junction Development Control Plan and Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan and note that the issues raised have resulted in amendments to the exhibited plans
- b) adopt the revised Randwick Junction Planning Proposal as amended for finalisation in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- c) proceed with the making of amendments to the local environmental plan to the Randwick LEP 2012 and as the local plan making authority, authorise the preparation of drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel for the purpose of drafting the LEP amendments and refer the associated mapping requirements to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation;
- d) adopt the revised draft Randwick Junction Development Control Plan, as amended for finalisation in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- e) adopt the Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan as amended;
- f) undertake a public domain study and implementation program for upgrades to the public domain of Randwick Junction Town Centre based on issues outlined in this report and informed by the recommendations from transport studies (traffic, bus and parking arrangements) and the objective to improve the pedestrian and cyclist environments through new crossing(s), footpath widening, street tree planting and other landscape measures, smart pole lighting, street furniture and public art;
- g) authorise the General Manager to make typographical, grammatical or formatting changes to the documentation prior to finalisation of the documents.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Randwick Junction Planning Proposal 2025 Post exhibition
2. [LINK TO VIEW](#) D2 Randwick Junction Town Centre - Draft DCP 2025 Post exhibition changes
3. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan - Post public exhibition
4. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Randwick Junction Planning Proposal - Community Engagement Submissions Table - Post-exhibition
5. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Community Consultation Report - Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of key issues raised in submissions received in relation to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal (RJPP), draft Randwick Junction Development Control Plan (draft DCP) and Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan which were publicly exhibited from 19 December 2025 to 24 February 2026. These documents comprise a new proposed planning framework for Randwick Junction. This report analyses submissions received and proposes a number of changes to the Planning Proposal and draft DCP in response to issues raised by stakeholders and the community.

Background

The Randwick Junction Planning Proposal (RJPP) and draft Randwick Junction Development Control Plan (draft DCP) have been prepared to align with the planning directions of the NSW metropolitan planning framework and to implement key actions from the Randwick Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020), the Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Strategy (2020), and the Randwick Junction Town Centre Urban Design Plan (2023 and 2025 updates).

These documents represent the culmination of a comprehensive planning review to ensure the planning framework for the Randwick Junction Town Centre (RJTC) is contemporary and fit for purpose. The review has been driven by the need to accommodate additional housing and employment in response to forecast population growth, while supporting ongoing demand for retail, commercial, health, medical and other activities generated by the Randwick Education and Health Strategic Centre.

The review also addresses several key challenges affecting the town centre. These include the need to strengthen, protect and enhance the planning controls for the Randwick Junction Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) and ensure the planning framework better supports economic vitality and housing diversity.

Current planning controls have not consistently promoted the conservation or adaptive reuse of heritage items and have resulted in variable outcomes for urban design quality and environmental sustainability. A number of buildings within the centre show signs of underinvestment, physical deterioration, poor urban design and limited activation at street level. Accordingly, a review of the controls has been undertaken to address these issues, strengthening heritage conservation, improving design quality and sustainability outcomes, enhancing economic vitality and supporting a more active, attractive and resilient centre.

Key aspects of the proposed planning framework for RJTC are summarised as follows:

Randwick Junction Planning Proposal

The RJPP was prepared over 2022/2023. It sets out changes to the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* (RLEP 2012) to achieve a revitalised future town centre with a strong economically viable commercial component; high standard of design excellence and sustainability; greater heritage protection, delivery of affordable housing, new areas of public domain, footpath widening; and a range of improvements including landscaping treatments, and greening opportunities. The RJPP was informed by various technical studies covering urban design, built form modelling, economic feasibility, heritage conservation, transport, traffic and parking, flooding, and contamination.

Key amendments to the RLEP 2012 proposed under the original RJPP included:

- Rezoning of several properties on the RJTC periphery from R3 Medium Density to E2 Commercial Centre to reflect current retail/commercial uses and facilitate a contiguous business zone;
- Rezoning of Waratah Plaza from E2 Commercial Centre to RE2 Public Recreation to formalise it as public open space;

- Considered increases to the HOB and FSR of sites across the centre to encourage urban renewal and heritage restoration;
- A new non-residential floor space ratio (FSR) provision to increase employment opportunities on strategic sites;
- A new heritage special provision to ensure development proposals conserve heritage fabric and contribute to the character of the HCA;
- An active street frontage provision for main streets, laneways, and through-site links to promote economic vibrancy, natural surveillance, and pedestrian safety;
- An affordable housing contribution rate through the dedication of units or monetary contributions as part of redevelopment;
- A design excellence provision for the Royal Randwick and Randwick Plaza strategic sites to achieve high standards in design innovation and sustainability; and
- Minor housekeeping matters including rectification of mapping anomalies.

The RJPP was reported to Council at its meeting of 23 September 2023 where it was endorsed and subsequently forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) seeking a 'Gateway Determination'. A Gateway Determination is a formal decision issued by the Minister for Planning that confirms whether a planning proposal may proceed to the next stage of the plan making process. It evaluates the strategic merit of the proposal, sets any conditions that must be satisfied before public exhibition (such as additional technical studies or consultation requirements), outlines timeframes for finalisation, and ultimately determines whether the proposal is allowed to progress.

A Gateway Determination was received from the Minister for Planning on 16 February 2025 which outlined several prerequisite conditions to be addressed in an amended Planning Proposal (referred to as Post Gateway PP) prior to proceeding to public exhibition. These included (but are not limited to):

- Identification of additional development capacity for sites located on the block at the corner of Alison Road and Belmore Road and along Belmore Road where lot depths would allow sufficient setbacks to mitigate any visual impact from the street
- Updated plain English explanation for revised heights and FSR
- Removal of the design excellence provision
- Removal of the active street frontages provision from secondary roads
- Updating of heritage mapping to reflect changes made as part of the Comprehensive LEP which came into effect on 1 September 2023
- Addressing Ministerial Direction 4.4 Remediation of Contaminated Land
- Addressing consistency with Ministerial Direction 4.1 Flooding, with consideration to the NSW Flood Planning Framework, the findings and recommendations of the 2022 NSW Flood Enquiry, and evacuation and access for emergency services
- Addressing the Randwick Housing Strategy
- Amending the PP and draft Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme to be consistent with the Department's *Guideline for Developing an Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme*, and to be supported with updated feasibility work.

The Post Gateway PP was subsequently revised to address the above conditions. It has been informed by updated technical studies including built form and urban design modelling, heritage conservation, development feasibility, flooding and contamination.

Under the Post Gateway PP, it is anticipated that the proposed RLEP 2012 amendments would deliver:

- 800 new dwellings (up from 430 dwellings)
- Approximately 750 additional jobs; and
- 62 new affordable housing dwellings (up from 31 dwellings).

The Post Gateway PP was reported to Council on 17 June 2025 where it was endorsed for forwarding to the Minister for a revised Gateway Determination. A revised Gateway Determination dated 24 October 2025 allowed Council to proceed to the public exhibition. The Gateway requires the completion of the proposed RLEP 2012 amendments by 26 June 2026.

The revised Post Gateway PP (incorporating changes as a result of the public exhibition) is contained in Attachment 1.

Draft Randwick Junction Development Control Plan (draft DCP)

A new draft DCP has been prepared for RJTC which comprises detailed planning and design controls to support the proposed RLEP 2012 amendments under the Post Gateway PP. The draft DCP controls aim to ensure that future development delivers high quality urban design outcomes, responds appropriately to the heritage context, ensures appropriate built form interface and supports the strategic role of Randwick Junction as a commercial centre within the Randwick Education and Health Strategic Centre.

Key components of the draft DCP include:

- Block by block controls including building envelopes, secondary height transitions, street wall heights, upper level setbacks, and massing
- Design quality provisions to ensure development delivers high amenity, context responsive built form outcomes
- Amenity provisions addressing solar access, wind, acoustic privacy and natural ventilation
- Strengthened heritage controls to safeguard the HCA including guidance on façade treatment, materials, and restoration of heritage items
- Public domain and movement network requirements, including footpath widening, landscaping, and pedestrian links; and
- Sustainability and environmental performance measures such as deep soil zones, stormwater management, energy efficiency, and urban heat mitigation.

Governance Advisory Committee – 12 May 2026

The draft Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal, draft DCP and draft Affordable Housing Plan – Post Exhibition were reported to the Governance Advisory Committee on 12 May 2026 (GAC10/26). The key matters raised at the meeting are summarised below:

- Exploration of other planning mechanisms to encourage residential development over co-living.
- All or part of active street frontage provisions on Avoca Street at 73-109 Belmore Road should be retained.
- Consideration as to whether the library will be replaced in the redevelopment of the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre.
- Improvements to the public domain in the Centre should be explored to:
 - Encourage active transport – cycling and pedestrian movements
 - Create a pleasant pedestrian environment
 - Explore street closures to encourage activation
 - Consider activation on Arthur Street
- Confirming that the design excellence provisions for development within the Town Centre are in place.
- Confirmation that the heights and FSR controls for all sites in centre have been reconsidered/reviewed since the inception of this planning process in 2020
- Confirmation on the number of affordable housing units to be delivered to Council in perpetuity.

A response to these matters was provided at the meeting. A proposed amendment arising from the GAC is to apply an active street frontage provision part way along the Avoca Street frontage at 73-109 Belmore Road (Royal Randwick Shopping Centre site).

Draft Affordable Housing Plan (draft RJAH Plan)

The revised draft RJAH Plan sits alongside the Post Gateway PP and aims to increase the supply of affordable rental housing in Randwick Junction by introducing an affordable housing provision in the RLEP 2012. The provision will require an affordable housing contribution on all sites receiving uplift, either in kind (dedication of units) or in instances where in-kind is not possible or there is a residual amount owing, a monetary contribution.

Economic consultants (SGS Economics and CBRE) prepared independent feasibility analysis on behalf of Council to assess the proposed affordable housing contribution rates for each site receiving uplift. Each site underwent multiple rounds of rigorous and detailed feasibility testing, enabling the application of site specific affordable housing rates that reflect the maximum feasible contribution for each location, having regard to the uplift generated by the proposed revised planning controls. The proposed rates have also been reviewed and endorsed by the DPHI to ensure they align with the State's broader development objectives, particularly development feasibility.

The Post Gateway PP seeks to introduce a new map identifying the applicable sites to which the affordable housing contributions apply. The proposed rates for each site are detailed in Attachment 1.

Consultation Program

The public exhibition of the Post Gateway PP and draft DCP was held between 19 December 2025 and 24 February 2026. A comprehensive community engagement program was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Gateway Determination conditions, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, EP&A Regulations* and Council's adopted Community Participation Plan.

Council officers prepared a community engagement plan to guide a comprehensive program of consultation activities for the public exhibition of the RJPP, draft DCP and associated documents to ensure that stakeholders, government agencies and interested community members had the opportunity to be informed of the proposal and provide feedback.

Digital copies of the Post Gateway PP and draft DCP were hosted on Council's website and Yoursay website (<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/RJT CPP>). Printed hard copies of the Post Gateway PP and draft DCP were made available at Council Customer Service Centre and libraries. Digital display screens at these locations also included information about the exhibition locations and drop-in sessions.

A mailout was undertaken to affected residents and property owners, businesses, government agencies, major landholders and neighbouring councils. This included 8,580 letters and information sheets sent to property owners, residents and business tenants within and in the immediate surrounds of the Randwick Junction town centre.

Council's YourSay Randwick website hosted the following information:

- An information fact sheet detailing key proposed changes to the LEP and DCP in relation to Randwick Junction
- A comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions based on the key components of the draft LEP.

Five drop in sessions were held in Randwick Junction which provided the opportunity for interested community members to speak directly with Council strategic planners to better understand the RJPP and draft DCP and how it might impact them.

Council staff provided a briefing to the Randwick Precinct Committee on 4 March 2026.

Social media posts were shared across multiple platforms, detailed stories in Council’s news section, social media (including LinkedIn and Instagram) and targeted emails to Council’s Your Say subscribers.

A dedicated phone number was established for community members to obtain information or to speak directly with a planner.

Further details of the consultation activities, as well as the outcomes of the consultation, can be found in the Community Consultation Report at Attachment 5 to this report.

Overview of Submissions

Written submissions

A total of 115 written submissions were received during the public exhibition period. Of these, 53 submissions (45%) were lodged via Council’s *Your Say* page, while 62 submissions (55%) were received via email.

Of the email submissions, 16 (25%) were provided by government agencies, public authorities or key stakeholders. A further six submissions (9%) were prepared by planning or industry professionals on behalf of property owners.

The overall community written submission response rate was approximately 1.1% of the 8,580 notification letters issued. This mail-out included 5,518 letters to tenants and 3,062 letters to property owners.

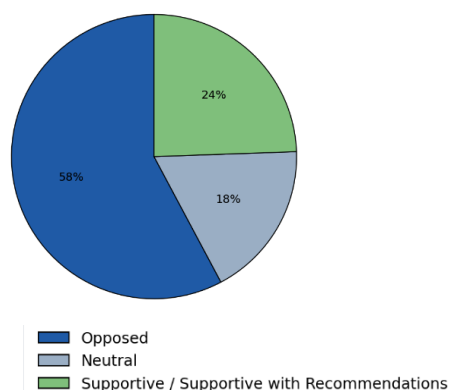
In addition, an email notification was sent to 70 key stakeholders, followed by a reminder email prior to the close of the exhibition period. This resulted in a 23% response rate from key stakeholders.

Submissions received through email and ‘Your Say’ are categorised into one of the following categories:

- General community
- Property owner requests (prepared by industry consultants)
- Key stakeholders and industry bodies

A total of 92 submissions (80%) were written by the general community. The following key data reflects the outcomes of these submissions. This analysis excludes submissions from government agencies and business led rezoning requests, as these relate to precinct-wide technical planning considerations or detailed site specific matters that are distinct from general community feedback. Excluding these submissions ensures the analysis more accurately reflects the views and concerns of the broader community, particularly residents and visitors.

General community	Response
Opposed	53
Neutral	17
Supportive/supportive with recommendations	22
Total	92



General community submissions were reviewed in relation to the planning themes within the RJTCPP and draft DCP, with 11 themes extracted to reflect the most prominent issues. The following table below reflects the key themes raised, including support and opposition.

Key Themes	No of times key theme was raised in submissions*	Support	Opposition	Neutral
Built form (height and density)	49	9	40	0
Design excellence	12	4	4	4
Urban design	8	6	1	1
Heritage and local character	23	2	20	1
Transport, parking and traffic	44	2	39	3
Affordable housing	20	5	11	4
Public domain	18	8	4	6
Amenity impacts	20	0	20	0
Sustainability	11	3	5	3
Development feasibility	10	5	3	2
Overdevelopment	25	7	18	0
Infrastructure	13	2	11	0

* Total number in the columns exceed the total number of submissions received as many submissions provided comments on more than one key theme.

Note: Themes and key issues raised are addressed in detail later in this report.

Consultation with Government Agencies, Public Authorities and Key Stakeholders

Consultation was undertaken with key government agencies, public authorities and stakeholders as per Condition 3.34 of the Gateway Determination, and Council's Community Participation Plan. Comments were received from the agencies below and stakeholders. Key issues and comments raised in these submissions are included in Attachment 4.

The 16 written submissions from key stakeholders and industry bodies include:

- Airservices Australia
- Better Streets
- Bicycle NSW
- BIKEast
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR)
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Heritage NSW
- Homes NSW
- NSW SES

- Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct (RHIP)
- Shelter NSW
- Southern Eastern Sydney Local Health District
- Sydney Water
- Sydney YIMBY
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW); and
- Urban Taskforce

A summary of the submissions received from each Government Agency, Public Authority and Key Stakeholder is outlined below:

Stakeholder	Submission
Air Services Australia	No comment. Suggest liaising with Sydney Airport at DA stage.
Better Streets	Request pedestrianisation of Belmore Rd, improved cycle infrastructure and child-friendly streets
Bicycle NSW	Urges safe, separated cycling and active transport infrastructure. Randwick Junction identified as key bicycle node
BIKEast	Draft DCP should embed high-quality cycling infrastructure, lower speeds and bike facilities to support Net Zero, safety, accessibility and sustainable growth.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	45m height controls unlikely to infringe on Sydney Airport's Obstacle Limitation Surfaces
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Conservation Programs, Heritage + Regulation	Proposal inadequately addresses flooding and emergency risk and requires a comprehensive flood impact study. Concerns about potential habitat impacts near precinct from noise, light and construction activity. Consider a flora and fauna assessment. (Flood study completed; flora/fauna impacts at DA stage)
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Heritage NSW	Recommends an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHAR) for the Centre. Supports overall heritage measures in the proposal. (Ongoing discussions with Heritage NSW; engagement with Aboriginal stakeholders)
Homes NSW	Strongly supports embedding a 10% social and affordable housing target for the LGA. Can offer support for Council/Community Housing Providers partnerships to maximise delivery, quality, and long-term affordability.
NSW SES	Recommends that flooding issues are considered in accordance with the Flood Risk Management Manual 2023 and Support for Emergency Management Planning.
Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct (RHIP)	Encourage to explicitly recognise commercial office development as a core land use and suggests Council may need to review height, FSR, permissible land uses, and incentive to ensure employment generating floorspace is not displaced.
Shelter NSW	Strong support. Opposes design excellence removal and active street frontage for secondary streets. Recommends AH 5% rate (up from 3% to be applied to Area 1).
Southern Eastern Sydney Local Health District	Overall support

Stakeholder	Submission
Sydney Water	Requests that Council provide ultimate and annual growth forecasts using Sydney Water’s Growth Data Form to allow accurate servicing planning. Requests update to DCP to require a Feasibility Application for developments over 100 dwellings or near Sydney Water assets.
Sydney YIMBY	Concerns that proposal under delivers on housing relative to the scale of the housing crisis. Suggests increasing minimum height to 21m and the removal of building setbacks for development under 21m.
Transport for NSW	Highlights conflicts between the town centre proposal and concurrent higher-density SSDAs, suggests some review of the traffic modelling and parking assumptions, concerns about diagrams showing reduced road capacity, need for clearer, aligned active transport, pedestrian and intersection planning.
Urban Taskforce	Contends proposed height and FSR uplifts are financially unviable, recommends uniform 11–13 storeys, lower affordable housing rates, reduced cost burdens, and public release of feasibility testing assumptions by Council.

Key Issues

Community submissions received raised a broader range of issues and were individually assessed with Council officers’ responses provided in Attachment 4. A summary of the key issues and the corresponding approach/response is outlined below:

Built Form/Urban Design

The majority of submissions expressed concern about the proposed built form framework, particularly the proposed building heights and FSRs, which were viewed as incompatible with the town centre’s established character.

In particular, concerns were raised that buildings of up to 10-13 storeys would be excessive in height, bulk and scale, incompatible with the surrounding streetscape, reduce the comfort of the public realm and create a sense of enclosure. Several submissions argued that the proposed framework could result in built form/urban design outcomes similar to those of Zetland and Bondi Junction, characterised by uniform, high density development lacking distinctiveness or sensitivity to local context.

In contrast, several submissions expressed support for the proposal, highlighting the potential to deliver high quality urban design outcomes for the town centre. These submitters emphasised the importance of clear and robust planning controls, such as active street frontages, well considered building transitions and architectural excellence, to ensure that future development is both context responsive and well integrated with the town centre.

Comment

The proposed building heights and densities for Randwick Junction have been informed by detailed urban design and 3D modelling, overshadowing analysis, and feasibility testing, and have been peer reviewed by independent heritage consultants to ensure they are appropriate for the sensitive heritage context. Proposed building envelopes have been tested to ensure compliance against the NSW Apartment Design Guide (ADG) key design and amenity provisions.

The proposed built form framework concentrates additional height and density in locations where impacts can be effectively managed such as adjacent to the light rail alignment and larger unconstrained redevelopment sites, while ensuring sensitive transitions to heritage items, contributory buildings and lower scaled residential neighbourhoods. The proposed height and densities for Randwick Junction are considered appropriate in terms of supporting the long term viability of the town centre, encouraging renewal of ageing building stock, delivering new public

domain improvements, and enabling the provision of affordable housing and other community benefits.

Without an uplift in height and density, many sites in Randwick Junction would remain economically unviable for redevelopment, limiting opportunities to deliver additional housing and employment and improving the town centre's amenity, walkability and public spaces. Moreover, the proposed draft DCP planning controls include upper level setbacks and separation standards which would reduce perceived visual bulk, ensure high quality built form outcomes, and prevent significant amenity impacts.

It is important to note that Randwick Junction operates within a fundamentally different planning and heritage context compared to centres such as Zetland, Mascot or Bondi Junction. Randwick Junction is largely located within an HCA, and is characterised by smaller lot sizes, historic streetscapes and predominantly E2 Commercial Centre zoning.

By contrast, Mascot and Zetland are predominantly zoned MU1 Mixed used or E3 Productivity Support, with planning controls that facilitate significantly higher density development on larger landholdings, supported by wider road networks and major transport infrastructure such as railway stations. The proposed heights and densities for Randwick Junction are substantially lower and more moderate, reflecting its role and function as local commercial town centre rather than a major strategic centre.

Recommendation

No amendments to land zoning within the Randwick Junction Town Centre is proposed. Amendments to maximum Heights of Building have been proposed as part of the submissions review process – See each property owners requests detailed below within this report.

Design excellence

Several submissions opposed the removal of the design excellence provision that would have mandated a competitive design process be undertaken for strategic sites, noting its critical role in securing high quality, well considered and innovative architectural outcomes.

Comment

The design excellence provision for key strategic sites was included in the original Pre-Gateway Planning Proposal in recognition of the important role that architectural design competitions can play in delivering innovative, sustainable and context responsive outcomes. Recent architectural competitions undertaken in the Kensington and Kingsford town centres have demonstrated the value of this approach with landmark buildings approved along the Anzac Parade corridor.

The proposed design excellence clause was removed by the Department of Planning (DPHI) as a condition of the Gateway Determination. Council strongly advocated for its retention due to its importance in achieving high quality built form and public domain outcomes within the town centre. However, the Government determined that an additional clause is not necessary, noting the existing Design Excellence clause 6.11 of the RLEP 2012 already provides for consideration of a range of design excellence matters. As a result, the DPHI has not supported the inclusion of a separate or additional design excellence clause in the Post Gateway PP.

To ensure that design excellence remains central to redevelopment within Randwick Junction, it is proposed that a separate local provision be included in the RLEP 2012 to require design review for proposed development on strategic sites and for State Significant Developments (SSDs). As per the proposed provision significant proposals located on identified strategic sites would be required to be referred to the State Design Review Panel (SDRP), for State Significant Development and/or the Randwick Design Excellence Advisory Panel (DEAP), consistent with the requirements of the Housing SEPP for mixed-use and commercial developments exceeding four storeys in height.

This approach ensures that major redevelopment proposals are subject to rigorous, independent design scrutiny at an early stage, promoting high-quality architectural outcomes, improved public domain interfaces and context responsive built form. It is anticipated that strengthening these provisions would help safeguard the character and amenity of Randwick Junction as it evolves, while supporting innovation and best practice design across future development. The proposed

provision has been included in the attached Post Exhibition Planning Proposal (Post Exhibition PP) (Attachment 1).

Recommendation

Amend the Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal to include a new local provision in Randwick LEP 2012 requiring certain developments to undergo an independent design review. The clause will require development on identified strategic sites, as well as development declared through the Housing Delivery Authority (SSD pathway), to be referred to the State Design Review Panel and/or Council's Design Excellence Advisory Panel (DEAP).

Heritage and Local Character

A number of submissions expressed opposition to the proposal on heritage conservation grounds, arguing that redevelopment within Randwick Junction would adversely affect the heritage significance and established village character of the Randwick Junction Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). Key issues raised include the potential loss of heritage buildings, concerns that larger towers could visually dominate and overwhelm existing heritage items and contributory buildings, and broader concerns that the proposed built form may erode the fine grain character that defines the town centre.

Comments

Protecting the heritage significance and established village character of Randwick Junction has been a central consideration throughout the planning review. The RJPP has been informed by detailed heritage analysis including a Conservation Area Review, heritage consultant peer review of the proposed block by block building envelopes and urban design testing to ensure that future development can occur in a way that respects and reinforces the valued character of the HCA.

The RJPP does not remove legislative heritage protection of buildings. All development within Randwick Junction will continue to be assessed under Clause 5.10 (Heritage Conservation) of the RLEP 2012 which requires the preparation of a Heritage Impact Statement and mandates Council to assess the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of heritage items (State and Local), contributory buildings and the broader HCA.

The proposed built form framework has been carefully developed to manage scale and minimise impacts upon the setting of existing heritage items and contributory buildings. No change to height and FSR is proposed for State Heritage Items and highly valued heritage items. Moderate height increases (two-three storeys) are proposed towards the rear of heritage items and contributory buildings with upper-level 4 metre setbacks from the street to ensure additions are visually recessive and the original building remains the dominant element on the site.

Moreover, the draft DCP incorporates additional controls across Randwick Junction including provisions requiring the removal of intrusive built form and reinstatement of original heritage features. This approach ensures that original heritage buildings continue to be read as the primary and dominant elements on the site, preserving their contribution to the character and significance of the HCA. Overall, the proposed planning framework is considered to provide a reasonable and balanced approach that enables the town centre to evolve to meet future housing and employment needs, while supporting the adaptive reuse of heritage buildings where appropriate and encouraging high quality architectural design that is sensitive to the heritage context.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed in response to heritage and local character.

Transport, parking and traffic

Several submissions raised concerns about potential transport, parking and traffic impacts associated with the proposed uplift in Randwick Junction. Of these, many submissions raised concern about public transport and road capacity, on the grounds that:

- Existing bus and light rail systems are already overcrowded, particularly during peak periods. Additional residents and workers would thus exacerbate existing overcrowding issues
- Bus services have been cut by the State Government following the introduction of the light rail. Concerns are raised that the proposal relies on future service capacity upgrades that are not yet committed
- The delivery of transport infrastructure improvements will not keep pace with housing growth

- Development may not deliver sufficient off street parking, increasing demand for on street parking and spillage into surrounding residential streets; and
- The exhibited Stantec traffic and parking analysis does not evaluate parking conditions, traffic flow during peak hours or public transport capacity.

Additionally, several submissions highlighted the limited availability of on street parking near the hospital, with requests for Council to deliver additional parking spaces to better accommodate patients, visitors and older people. Concerns were also raised regarding existing traffic congestion within Randwick Junction, particularly around key intersections with submitters noting that additional development could worsen these conditions.

Comments

Randwick Junction is well serviced by public transport, with access to the L2 and L3 Light rail services and multiple high frequency bus routes connecting to the CBD, UNSW, Prince of Wales Hospital and Bondi Junction. Population growth is expected to occur incrementally over many years, allowing Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to plan, stage and adjust service levels in response to demand. TfNSW plans and adjusts service provisions in response to observed demand, based on tap on and tap off data.

The Planning Proposal is supported by an independent Traffic Assessment prepared by Stantec. The study has addressed traffic flow during peak hours and the capacity of intersections. The assessment concludes that most intersections within the study area are expected to operate at an acceptable Level of Service (LoS) under the 2041 fully built-out scenario, with the exception of the Alison Road / Belmore Road intersection, which is already constrained due to physical limitations rather than the rezoning itself. Recommended mitigation measures include traffic signal optimisation, parking management initiatives and the implementation of Green Travel Plans.

The Stantec Study considered the availability of existing public transport, including the light rail and bus services, and established that in the long term (20+ years) a metro service and station at Randwick may be investigated that would serve Randwick Hospital, the UNSW and Randwick Junction town centre.

Significant parking pressures at the Randwick Hospital Campus, particularly following recent redevelopment, are acknowledged. In response, Council resolved on 24 February 2026 (Mayoral Minute MM3/26) to advocate directly to the Minister for Health for the provision of additional dedicated hospital parking at the Randwick Hospital Campus.

The importance of improving pedestrian safety and accessibility is also recognised, including requests for additional pedestrian crossings along Avoca Street. To address this issue, Council will advocate for and facilitate the delivery of appropriate public domain outcomes associated with new development. Council adopted a new Active Transport Plan in December 2024, which identifies Randwick Junction as a priority walking improvement area (W2) and a key intersection of Tier 1 cycling routes along Avoca Street and Belmore Road. Tier 1 routes are closely aligned with the NSW Government's Strategic Cycleway Corridors that form part of the regional network.

Public domain upgrades, including wider footpaths and improved pedestrian links, are proposed in the draft DCP and Urban Design Framework. Additional design measures such as bus stop seating and detailed public domain improvements will be examined through future transport and public domain investigations.

Emergency access, servicing, waste management and construction related impacts are addressed at the DA stage, where larger developments proposals are required to be supported by detailed technical documentation including a Construction Management Plan, Waste Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan. Parking and access provisions are guided by Section B7 (Transport, Traffic and Parking) of the draft DCP, which establishes minimum parking rates, accessible parking requirements, traffic management expectations and site access controls. These matters are assessed on a site specific basis at DA stage and appropriately conditioned where required to mitigate potential impacts.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed in response to transport, traffic and parking.

Affordable Housing

Five submissions from the general community expressed strong support for introducing an affordable housing requirement, highlighting its importance in maintaining a diverse and inclusive town centre. At the same time, several submissions opposed the Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan on the basis that the projected number of affordable dwellings would be insufficient in the current context of the housing affordability crisis. These submitters argued that, given the high concentration of key workers and students in the area (ie groups that are disproportionately affected by rising rents and limited housing options), the amount of affordable housing proposed in Randwick Junction would fall short of meeting local need and would not meaningfully improve access to secure, affordable homes.

Comment

The acute need for additional affordable housing is acknowledged by Council through both the Planning Proposal and the draft RJAHP. Within the Randwick Junction context, the demand for housing to support essential workers has placed additional pressure on affordability. Randwick Junction presents a highly suitable precinct to deliver affordable housing due to its proximity to major employment generators including the Randwick Hospital precinct, UNSW, local schools, retail and hospitality uses - key sectors that rely on workers having access to housing close to employment. In the absence of dedicated affordable housing provision, workers are increasingly being displaced from the local area, resulting in longer commuting times, workforce constraints, and impacts on social and community diversity.

In response to these challenges, the proposed affordable housing rates for Randwick Junction are supported by detailed feasibility modelling and are designed to deliver an uplift in affordable housing supply proportionate to projected housing growth, amounting to approximately 62 dwellings. The rates in the draft RJAHP seek to maximise the provision of affordable housing whilst maintaining sufficient development feasibility to enable redevelopment to occur.

While it is acknowledged that the anticipated delivery of approximately 62 affordable dwellings will not, in isolation, fully meet the demand for affordable housing in the precinct, it represents an important component of a broader, multilayered strategy by Council. Council's Affordable Rental Housing Strategy 2025 outlines additional commitments to expanding affordable housing contribution schemes across the LGA, which will support progressive increased delivery over time. Through the Strategy, Council will also continue to advocate to the NSW Government and Homes NSW for increased investment in both social and affordable housing that will contribute to Council's affordable housing target of 10% of all dwellings. This includes advocacy for housing targeted to essential workers, as well as for legislative reforms that improve overall housing affordability within the Randwick LGA.

In addition, it is anticipated that the infill affordable housing provisions under the Housing SEPP will deliver a substantial number of affordable dwellings in and around the precinct independently of those generated through the draft RJAHP. Collectively, these mechanisms are expected to make a meaningful contribution to affordable housing supply while ensuring that development remains viable and capable of progressing.

Council is to note that to be consistent with the Affordable Housing Strategy, the Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan allows for the allocation of affordable housing units (in kind) in a development or the acceptance of a monetary contribution.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed for Affordable Housing.

Public domain

Several submissions raised concerns about potential adverse impacts on public domain quality because of what they viewed as overdevelopment. Submitters raised concern that the scale of redevelopment proposed does not appear to be matched by clear or guaranteed upgrades to streets, footpaths and public spaces. Key issues raised include potential overcrowded footpaths,

reduced pedestrian comfort, loss of sunlight due to overshadowing, and removal of mature trees. Several submitters requested specific improvements to the public realm including:

- Improved and additional pedestrian crossings, particularly along Avoca Street (at Milford Street) and Belmore Road, to better align with key pedestrian desire lines
- Enhanced pedestrian access near bus stops, retail frontages, medical facilities and the hospital, improving safety and legibility for high volume pedestrian movements
- Wider, unobstructed footpaths to support pedestrian flows and accommodate mobility aids, reflecting the Junction's proximity to the Prince of Wales Hospital; and
- Increased public seating, including shaded and accessible resting areas, to support older people, medical patients and mobility-impaired users

There is strong support for the proposal's intent to deliver a more people focused public realm, as outlined in the draft DCP block-by-block controls and the Urban Design Report. Supportive submissions highlighted the value of proposed improvements such as wider footpaths, enhanced pedestrian connectivity, activated laneways, shared zones, new plazas and upgraded landscaping. These elements are viewed as essential to creating a walkable, comfortable and attractive town centre, provided they are delivered in a meaningful and timely manner alongside development.

Comments

The quality, safety and comfort of the public domain have been a key consideration in developing the planning strategy for Randwick Junction. The proposed planning framework, underpinned by the Randwick Junction Urban Design Report and draft DCP, places a strong emphasis on delivering a people focused, safe and attractive public realm corresponding with redevelopment of the town centre.

The proposed planning framework identifies opportunities for wider footpaths through building setback controls, enhanced pedestrian crossings, improved laneways and through site links, increased street tree planting, landscaping, seating and public art. These measures are intended on improving walkability, accessibility and overall amenity for all users, including older people and those with mobility needs.

Public domain improvements will also be supported through developer contributions under Council's s7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2024, where there are public realm upgrade allocations for Randwick Junction in the Plan's Schedule of Works. This therefore ensures that redevelopment would contribute towards streetscape and public space upgrades as part of the development process.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed however, as a recommendation of this report, to ensure that appropriate coordinated improvement to streets and public domain as Randwick Junction evolves, it is proposed that Council undertakes a comprehensive Public Domain Strategy (PDS) for the Town Centre.

The PDS would establish a clear vision and design framework for footpaths, landscaping, lighting, street furniture, wayfinding, active transport connections and public gathering spaces, ensuring these elements are upgraded in a cohesive and high-quality manner. As redevelopment occurs, the PDS would help manage competing demands on limited public space, enhance accessibility and safety, support the night-time economy, and reinforce the distinctive character of the town centre. Importantly, it would provide a structured approach for prioritising and sequencing public domain upgrades so that investment and infrastructure keeps pace with growth and delivers tangible benefits for residents, workers and visitors.

Amenity impacts

Several submissions raised concerns about the potential amenity impacts associated with the proposed increases in height and density. The most frequently cited issues related to overshadowing and perceived loss of solar access to existing homes, key streets, and public spaces, with submitters arguing that taller buildings would significantly alter daylight conditions and diminish the usability and comfort of the public domain.

Concerns were raised about potential wind impacts and the creation of adverse microclimate conditions at street level, including stronger downdrafts and wind tunnels that could reduce pedestrian comfort and limit the functionality of outdoor areas. Privacy and overlooking from taller buildings into neighbouring properties was also highlighted, particularly in locations where height transitions were viewed as abrupt or inconsistent with the surrounding built form.

In addition, submissions noted the potential for increased noise associated with higher population densities, including traffic, servicing, and construction activity, and emphasised that these cumulative impacts could erode the overall amenity and liveability of the town centre and its adjoining residential areas.

Comments

As highlighted earlier in this report, the proposed block by block building envelopes have been subject to rigorous testing against the key amenity provisions of the ADG, including solar access, visual privacy, and separation requirements. Comprehensive 3D modelling has been undertaken to ensure that the proposed block by block envelopes comply with the relevant ADG criteria and are capable of maintaining acceptable levels of amenity for both future residents and neighbouring properties.

Matters relating to overshadowing and wind impacts are typically addressed and resolved during the detailed design and DA stages. At that point, site specific architectural design, environmental wind modelling and detailed solar analysis are prepared to demonstrate that the final built form can achieve appropriate amenity outcomes (including compliance with the ADG and local planning controls) and respond effectively to the conditions of the site and its surrounds.

To support this process, the draft DCP provides additional guidance on solar access and wind impacts to supplement the ADG. Section 18 of the draft DCP sets out objectives and controls relating to solar access, requiring development to integrate passive design principles and shading devices, and to submit adequate solar access diagrams to enable assessment of overshadowing impacts on the site and surrounding properties. Section 28 of the draft DCP establishes requirements for managing wind flow to ensure a comfortable pedestrian environment and to support the growth of street trees. These controls require the submission of a Wind Impact Assessment for buildings over nine storeys and mandate the incorporation of design measures that ameliorate wind impacts within both the private and public realm.

Where necessary, conditions of consent can also be imposed to ensure that future development incorporates appropriate mitigation measures such as façade articulation, podium design, landscaping, or wind amelioration treatments to maintain comfortable conditions within the public domain and protect the amenity of surrounding properties.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed regarding amenity impacts.

Sustainability

Several submissions raised concern redevelopment of the town centre would intensify urban heat, pollution and environmental stress, particularly through the loss of mature trees and limited space for meaningful canopy replacement. Objectors consider that the proposed landscaping and greening measures are insufficient, and have called for stronger, mandatory sustainability requirements rather than reliance on minimum standards. Concerns were also raised about continued car dependence, questioning whether increased density would genuinely reduce emissions and environmental impacts. Submissions also questioned Council's capacity to keep up with environmental stress associated with higher density living such as sufficient waste management.

Conversely, several submissions support the proposal's intent to deliver greener, more sustainable outcomes, particularly through increased street tree planting, improved landscaping, shade and environmentally responsive building design. Some submitters recognised that concentrating growth in a well-serviced town centre would support more sustainable travel patterns and climate resilient outcomes, provided that greening, energy efficiency and active transport measures are effectively implemented and enforced.

Comments

The importance of integrating appropriate sustainability measures as part of the redevelopment of the town centre is recognised and reflected in the planning controls contained in the city wide draft DCP which are also applicable to Randwick Junction, including chapters B3 (Sustainability and Resilience), B4 (Landscaping and Biodiversity), and B5 (Preservation of Trees and Vegetation). In response to submissions regarding Council's capacity to provide sufficient streetscape maintenance/servicing, including waste and rubbish services, these services are delivered on a supply and demand basis. As density increases over time, service provision is expected to scale accordingly while also supporting growth in employment opportunities across relevant trade and servicing sectors.

Concentrating growth within a well serviced town centre close to public transport, jobs and services is intended to reduce reliance on private vehicles and support more sustainable travel patterns over time. The draft DCP includes provisions to enhance tree canopy, landscaping, shading and green infrastructure, alongside requirements for environmentally responsive building design and energy efficiency consistent with State policy. Tree retention and replacement will be assessed at the DA stage, supported by arborist and landscape plans to ensure meaningful and enduring greening outcomes for the Centre as envisaged in the Urban Design Study.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed regarding sustainability.

Development feasibility

Development feasibility concerns were raised primarily by landowners and key industry stakeholders, with several submissions arguing that the proposed planning controls would constrain the economic viability of redevelopment. Key issues raised include perceptions that the proposed height and FSR controls would not provide sufficient uplift to offset rising construction and financing costs, particularly when combined with requirements for upper level setbacks, deep soil zones, tree canopy targets, active frontages, and development contributions.

Several submitters requested additional economic modelling and the release of the SGS feasibility studies to provide greater transparency and assurance that the controls would not deter redevelopment or compromise the quality of future built outcomes.

Feasibility concerns raised by members of the general community focused more on market demand and the viability of new commercial floor space, with some noting existing vacancies and ageing stock as indicators that additional supply may be difficult to absorb.

Among the submissions in support of the proposal, several explicitly endorsed the uplift on the basis that increased development capacity is necessary to encourage the renewal of ageing buildings and deliver broader revitalization benefits for Randwick Junction.

Comments

The Randwick Junction planning framework has been informed by multiple rounds of independent development feasibility testing, including detailed economic modelling undertaken by specialist consultants, to ensure that the proposed controls achieve an appropriate balance between enabling redevelopment, delivering public benefits and maintaining high standards of design quality and amenity. Although these feasibility studies have not been publicly released due to commercial-in-confidence considerations, their findings have been reviewed by both Council and the State Government to confirm that the proposed controls are realistic, achievable and capable of supporting redevelopment over time.

In responding to community concerns, Council emphasised that the proposal is intended to facilitate the renewal of ageing and, in some cases, long vacant shopfronts and commercial buildings. The additional development capacity is considered necessary to unlock redevelopment potential, improve built form and design outcomes and support the delivery of public domain upgrades and broader community benefits. This approach aims to ensure that Randwick Junction can evolve in a way that is economically viable while continuing to reflect community expectations for a high-quality, vibrant and well-functioning centre.

The amended Planning Proposal seeks to introduce a bonus provision allowing a 10 per cent increase to the maximum height of buildings and floor space ratio for sites within the Randwick Junction Town Centre that are subject to uplift and incorporate ground floor commercial uses with residential flat buildings. It is recommended that the bonus will only apply to development comprising ground-floor commercial uses with residential apartments above. The bonus has been introduced to encourage residential dwelling incentives rather than other forms of residential uses such as co-living and student housing. This incentive has been developed as a result of Council Resolution (17 June 2025) CP17/25 Director City Planning Report - Randwick Junction Planning Proposal: Gateway Conditions (RZ/2/2023) 164/25 RESOLUTION:(Said/Luxford) that Council:

g) endorse the exploration of an amendment to the planning framework for Randwick Junction Centre to incentivise developments to construct residential dwellings and/or restrict student housing/co-living accommodation;

The provision is intended to encourage the delivery of additional housing in a highly accessible strategic centre, close to public transport, employment, health services, retail and social infrastructure. It supports the efficient use of land, contributes to the viability of shop-top housing development, and aligns with the State Government's housing supply and strategic planning objectives, particularly in the context of increasing development costs.

Recommendation

An amendment is proposed to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal to include an additional local provision that allows a 10% bonus to Height of Building and FSR controls where shop top housing is proposed.

Overdevelopment

Concerns about overdevelopment were one of the most prevalent issues raised in submissions. Many community members expressed opposition to the scale of proposed uplift, describing it as excessive for Randwick Junction's heritage character, street network and existing amenity. Submissions frequently cited similarities to higher density centres such as Bondi Junction or Zetland as undesirable outcomes, raising fears of overcrowding, congestion and loss of local character. Some supportive submissions acknowledged the need for growth but stressed that it must be incremental, well managed and sensitive to local context.

Comment

Refer to comments under 'urban design/built form', 'heritage' and 'amenity impacts' as noted previously.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed regarding overdevelopment.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure capacity has emerged as a major concern across submissions, with several submitters questioning whether existing services would have adequate capacity to accommodate the proposed uplift of approximately 800 additional dwellings. Common issues raised included worsening traffic congestion, limited parking availability (particularly for hospital patients and visitors), overcrowding on public transport, and the capacity of local schools, childcare facilities and health services to absorb additional demand.

While some submitters acknowledged that growth would occur gradually, many sought clearer assurances, staging mechanisms and firm commitments to infrastructure upgrades to ensure that development does not outpace service provision. Submitters frequently questioned whether the existing transport network, road system, parking supply, community facilities and essential services are adequate to support the projected increase in population and density, with some arguing that redevelopment is being advanced ahead of confirmed infrastructure investment. Concerns were also raised about the cumulative impacts of multiple developments occurring simultaneously, and the risk that essential services may lag growth, adversely affecting liveability and access for current residents, workers and visitors.

Comment

Growth within Randwick Junction is expected to occur incrementally over an extended period, rather than as a single concentrated stage of development. This provides the opportunity for infrastructure upgrades and services to be planned, funded and delivered in alignment with development activity. The detailed technical studies accompanying the Planning Proposal, including transport and traffic modelling, indicate that the proposed uplift can be accommodated with targeted improvements to the transport network and public domain. These studies also identify where further investment will be required and provide an evidence base to guide future infrastructure planning.

Council will continue working closely with State agencies, in particular Transport for NSW, the Department of Education and NSW Health to ensure that infrastructure planning keeps pace with anticipated growth. This includes ongoing coordination around public transport capacity and frequency, active transport improvements, and school planning. Necessary upgrades will generally be funded from Council's City Wide s7.12 Plan 2024 which has allocations for Randwick Junction as well as grants through State Government programs.

Overall, the Planning Proposal seeks to balance the need for additional housing and employment with the capacity of local infrastructure. By aligning growth with infrastructure planning, applying evidence based modelling, and maintaining strong coordination with State Agencies, the proposal aims to ensure that redevelopment does not outpace service provision and that liveability for current and future residents, workers and visitors is maintained. See section on Traffic and Parking for further discussion.

Recommendation

No amendments to the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal or Randwick Junction DCP are proposed regarding infrastructure.

Property owner requests

A number of requests were received from property owners or their representatives' seeking changes to the heights and FSRs for specific sites. These requests have been assessed with detailed responses provided in Attachment 4.

The following methodology has been adopted for reviewing property owner requests to ensure consistency in responses:

- Review of requested FSR and HoB controls within the context of the Town Centre's location and strategic context
- 30% bonus for HoB and FSR available for the allocation of affordable housing for 15 years (as per Housing SEPP)
- Additional 10% bonus proposed for height of building and FSR to encourage residential development (shop top housing)
- Consideration of Low-Mid-Rise Housing Reforms which apply to the area immediately adjoining the town centre
- The HDA planning pathway allowing State Significant Development/Concurrent Rezoning for sites delivering housing. Five SSSDA have been declared in the centre.

The following map shows the locations of the properties subject to owner requests and the table provides a summary of those requests and Council officer responses.



Address (Number o map)	Requested RLEP 2012 amendments	Comments	Recommendation
110-122 Avoca Street (Site 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase HoB from the exhibited 18m height to 35m • Increase FSR from the exhibited 2:1 to 2.75:1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant’s justification for the increase is on the basis that the LMR reforms allow up to 22m (6 storeys) within the adjoining R3 Medium Density zone. • These provisions establish a strategic intent for more substantial built form in locations that support walkability, and access to public transport and services. • In light of the submission, a detailed review has been undertaken for this site considering the site is listed as a local heritage item. The site also adjoins State Heritage listed land including St Jude’s Church and grounds and Avonmore Terraces fronting The Avenue. • The review included 3D modelling to investigate potential massing across the site considering the building envelope, setbacks from adjoining dwellings, relationship to the heritage shops, communal open space and deep soil provision. The analysis concluded that a moderate increase in height would be acceptable if these considerations are carefully managed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height: 25m • FSR: 2:1 (no change)

Address (Number o map)	Requested RLEP 2012 amendments	Comments	Recommendation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given this context, it is considered appropriate to revise the draft Planning Proposal and apply a height limit of 25m to these properties. The proposed revised height would provide a logical height transition and orderly built form gradation to the Inner LMR area and deliver a more coherent urban design outcome by avoiding an abrupt step down in scale. It should be noted that the Housing SEPP infill affordable housing provisions enable a further 30% bonus to height and FSR where affordable housing is proposed. In addition, the post exhibition Planning Proposal proposes a 10% bonus on height and FSR where shop top housing is proposed. Combined, these incentives in conjunction with the proposed revised 25m height is considered to provide a viable development. The 2:1 FSR is recommended to be retained on the basis that the Housing SEPP and the proposed 10% shop top bonus would result in a higher density than requested i.e 2.8:1 (greater than the 2.75:1 requested). 	
<p>122A Avoca Street (adjoins 110-122 Avoca St) (Former Telstra site) (Site 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that Council adopt a flexible approach to height limit as the site has been declared as State Significant Development to include provision of 15% Affordable Housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed review has been undertaken for this site considering the site adjoins State Heritage listed land including the Post Office and Avonmore Terraces fronting The Avenue. The review included 3D modelling to investigate potential massing across the site considering the building envelope, setbacks from adjoining dwellings, communal open space and deep soil provision. The 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: 25m FSR: 2:1

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Address (Number o map)	Requested RLEP 2012 amendments	Comments	Recommendation
		<p>analysis concluded that a moderate increase in height would be acceptable if these considerations are carefully managed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given this context, it is considered appropriate to revise the draft Planning Proposal and apply a height limit of 25m to these properties, to match that height recommended for the adjoining land (110-122 Avoca St). The proposed revised height would provide a logical height transition and orderly built form gradation to the Inner LMR area and deliver a more coherent urban design outcome by avoiding an abrupt step down in scale. It should be noted that the applicant's submission under the State planning pathway (HDA) is utilising the 30% bonus available under the Housing SEPP where affordable housing is proposed. A further 10% height and FSR bonus is proposed for shop top housing within the town centre is proposed in the Planning Proposal. 	
<p>31-43 Belmore Road (eastern side)</p> <p>(Site 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase HoB from 21m to 30m Increase FSR from 2.75:1 to 4.2:1 Requested on the basis that the site is amalgamated providing opportunities for greater density Request that one pedestrian link is required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 30% height/FSR bonus is available under the Housing SEPP where affordable housing is proposed. A further 10% height and GFA incentive is proposed under this post exhibition Planning Proposal for shop top housing within the town centre. Combined these incentives would result in overall height and FSR similar to that requested in the submission i.e FSR of 3.85:1 FSR and height of 29.4m 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: No change to exhibited PP FSR: No change to exhibited PP

Address (Number o map)	Requested RLEP 2012 amendments	Comments	Recommendation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rather than 2 across the sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is considered appropriate given the significant heritage constraints of the town centre. The pedestrian links identified 	
<p>73-109 Belmore Road (Royal Randwick Shopping Centre)</p> <p>(Site 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase HoB from 45m to 54m Increase FSR from 4.5:1 to 4.72:1 Remove active frontage along Avoca Street. Avoca St will be utilised primarily for servicing and residential access. Active frontage along Belmore Rd to be retained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant's submission under the State planning pathway (HDA) is utilising the 30% affordable housing bonus available under the Housing SEPP. A further 10% is proposed under this post exhibition Planning Proposal for shop top housing within the town centre. Combined these incentives would result in height and FSR exceeding what is requested by the applicant. i.e height of 63m and FSR of 6.3:1. Removal of part of the proposed Active Frontage LEP provision along Avoca St is considered reasonable given the primary vehicular and servicing functions along this frontage. No change is proposed to the proposed LEP Active Frontage along Belmore Rd and Short St. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: No change to exhibited PP FSR: No change to exhibited PP Active street frontage provision: amend map to remove part of the application of the active street frontage provision from the Avoca Street boundary of the site.
<p>66 – 68 Arthur Street (residential dwellings)</p> <p>(Site 5) Note: this site is outside the Planning Proposal boundary)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase HoB from 12m to 21m Based on justification of LMR reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These sites are not proposed to be incorporated within the boundary of the E2 Zone that applies to the remainder of the town centre. It is considered appropriate that these sites remain zoned R3-Medium Density to reflect their single storey residential dwelling typology and contributory heritage status. Under the Housing SEPP LMR provisions, a height of 22m and 2.2:1 FSR may be achievable subject to future design satisfying heritage requirements under the LEP. Council's 3D design testing demonstrates that significant uplift is challenging given site constraints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: No change to exhibited PP FSR: No change to exhibited PP
<p>160-168 Belmore Road (Gateway Site)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase HoB 40.5m to 44m Increase FSR 4.5:1 to 8:1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases in building height and FSR are not supported for this site, given that a 30% affordable housing bonus is available under the Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: No change to exhibited PP

Address (Number o map)	Requested RLEP 2012 amendments	Comments	Recommendation
(Site 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute 9% Affordable housing rate 	<p>SEPP. A further 10% bonus for height and FSR is proposed under this post exhibition Planning Proposal for shop top housing within the town centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has utilised independent expert valuation and feasibility modelling to determine appropriate affordable housing rates across the town centre. The modelling has been subject to detailed review by the Department of Planning. The modelling to determine the appropriate affordable housing rate is based on an equitable approach based on the increased density. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSR: No change to exhibited PP Affordable housing: no change proposed 9% affordable housing rate for the site
<p>123-145 Alison Road, 11 Elizabeth Lane and 1 Elizabeth Street (former Randwick Club)</p> <p>(Site 7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase HoB from 21m to 61.7m (Eastern site) Increase HoB 36m to 42.2m (Western site) Increase FSR 2.2 and 4.5 to both be 5.5:1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the submission seeks an approximately 30 per cent uplift above the exhibited maximum height and FSR controls, including an FSR of 5.5:1 and building heights of up to 61.7 metres, it is considered that such an increase would exceed what is necessary to meet the strategic objectives of the Planning Proposal. The exhibited controls already represent a significant uplift from existing planning controls and were deliberately set to manage cumulative impacts across the centre, including overshadowing, wind, traffic, infrastructure demand and heritage interface. It should be noted that a further 30% bonus is available under the Housing SEPP where affordable housing is proposed. Further, an additional 10% bonus is proposed for shop top housing within the town centre as part of this Planning Proposal. Accordingly, it is recommended that no changes be made to the exhibited Randwick Junction Planning Proposal in response to this submission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height: No change to exhibited PP FSR: No change to exhibited PP

Proposed changes to Randwick Junction planning framework

LEP changes:

Several changes are proposed to the LEP controls for Randwick Junction in response to submissions received during the public exhibition period. The changes are:

- Introduction of a clause in the RLEP that provides for an additional 10% FSR and Height of building
- Removal of active street frontages along Avoca St for the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre site
- Introduction of a provision requiring referral to the State Design Panel or Randwick Design Excellence Panel
- Height of building changes for 110-122 Avoca St and 122A Avoca St from 18m (as exhibited) to 25m

These are detailed in the table below:

Draft Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal – Proposed Amendments (LEP)		
Provision	Proposed Amendment	Comment
Design Excellence – Randwick Junction	The draft Post Exhibition Planning Proposal has been amended to include a local LEP provision requiring that development proposals on strategic sites and development declared through the Housing Delivery Authority (SSD pathway) within RJTC be referred to the State Design Review Panel and/or Council’s Design Excellence Advisory Panel (DEAP), consistent with Housing SEPP requirements for mixed use/commercial development over four storeys. This provision would operate alongside Clause 6.11.	This proposed provision responds to strong community and stakeholder sentiment, seeking assurance that high design quality and contextual outcomes remain central following recent State planning reforms and removal of the Design Excellence provision under the Gateway Condition. The proposed provision would ensure that independent expert design review for key sites and State-led development would be undertaken, therefore reinforcing design excellence as a core planning outcome for RJTC.
FSR and HOB Bonus provision for Shop Top Housing	The draft Post Exhibition Planning Proposal has been amended to incorporate a local provision allowing a bonus maximum 10% FSR and HOB for shop top housing proposals.	<p>The purpose of this provision is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure policy alignment and consistency with the Housing SEPP co-living incentives. Applying a comparable uplift to shop top housing provides a balanced and equitable planning mechanism, recognising that both typologies contribute to housing diversity and play an important role in town centre vitality. • Facilitate additional housing supply in line with the NSW Government’s housing supply objectives and land use planning efficiencies • Support the financial viability of shop top housing developments, which continue to face rising construction costs associated with delivering active ground floor

Draft Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal – Proposed Amendments (LEP)

		frontages, integrating building services and achieving required acoustic attenuation.
Amendment of Active Frontages map	Remove Active Frontages requirement along Avoca Street on the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre Site.	<p>The proposed amendment to the Active Frontages Map which partly removes the Avoca Street edge of the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre site, notes that this frontage is expected to function primarily as a servicing and residential access point for future redevelopment of the site.</p> <p>The part removal of the proposed Active Frontages Map control along Avoca Street is considered reasonable given its operational role and limited capacity to support a genuinely active interface. The active frontage requirements along Belmore Road and Short Street would remain unchanged, as these frontages provide the strongest opportunities for pedestrian activity, retail engagement and a vibrant public realm.</p> <p>Maintaining a part active frontage along Avoca Street is consistent with Councils position raised at the 12 May GAC Meeting.</p>
Increase height of building from 18m to 25m for 110-112 Avoca St and 122A Avoca St (Sites 1 and 2)	Increase the maximum Height of Building from exhibited 18m to 25m.	<p>A detailed review of the request has been undertaken, noting the site’s heritage listing and its interface with State Heritage listed items including St Jude’s Church, its grounds, and the Avonmore Terraces. This review included 3D massing analysis to test building envelopes, setbacks, heritage relationships, communal open space and deep soil outcomes.</p> <p>It has been concluded that a moderate height increase could be supported if these factors are carefully managed. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Post Exhibition Planning Proposal be amended to apply a 25 m HOB to the site, providing a logical transition to adjoining heritage properties and avoiding an abrupt change in scale.</p>

DCP Changes

Several changes are proposed to the DCP controls for Randwick Junction in response to submissions received during the public exhibition period. The changes are:

- Incorporate a 3m setback to rear 202-204 Alison Rd

- New control for sites over 100 dwellings requiring an application for water servicing from Sydney Water
- Replace the cross-section diagrams in the DCP to accurately reflect two traffic lanes
- Strengthen active frontages clause

These are detailed in the table below:

Draft Randwick Junction DCP		
Provision	Proposed amendment	Comment
Block Plan 10 + 12	<p>The draft DCP has been amended to Include a 3m upper level setback at the rear of 202-204 Alison Road.</p> <p>Block Plan 10+12 has been updated to reflect revised built form outcomes arising from the increased maximum height of building controls introduced through the Planning Proposal. As a result, a new design solution has been prepared for the sites at 110–122 and 122A Avoca Street.</p>	<p>Improves amenity of neighbouring heritage listed properties known as Avonmore Terraces to the rear of the site.</p> <p>The updated block plans provide an envisioned outcome for the site as a result of the proposed height of building increases at 110-122 and 122A Avoca Street. The revised design responds to the additional height potential by accommodating increased building height while maintaining appropriate transitions to surrounding development, improving site efficiency, and supporting the intended role of Randwick Junction as a strategic centre. The amendments are consistent with the broader objectives of the Planning Proposal and do not alter the overarching structure or intent of Block Plan 10+12.</p>
DCP section 24 Active frontages	Section 24 of the draft DCP (Active Frontages) has been amended to better support ground-floor business viability, including opportunities for night-time activity, strengthen the economic character of the town centre, and enhance safety and pedestrian amenity.	<p>The proposed changes align with NSW 24 hour Night Time Economy Strategy.</p> <p>An additional control has been implemented to maximise active frontages along Avoca Street for the Royal Randwick Shopping Centre site.</p>
Part B - Site Specific Controls	The street cross sections of the draft DCP have been updated to align with the block plans, indicating correct vehicular carriageways, adjusting provision for footpath extensions, parking zones, street trees, and kerb side travel lanes.	The proposed amendments address feedback from TfNSW regarding anomalies in the cross sections, where locations originally shown as single lanes should have been depicted as two lanes.
DCP section 26 Water management	<p>The draft DCP has been updated to incorporate new controls requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submission of a Feasibility Application by a Water Servicing Coordinator to guide water servicing for developments containing 100 or more dwellings; and 	The proposed amendment responds to feedback from Sydney Water to ensure the agency remains informed about actual growth patterns. This would enable Sydney Water to plan proactively and direct infrastructure investment to areas where it is most needed, particularly within servicing and network catchments where capacity constraints can emerge or shift quickly.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lodgement of a Feasibility Application with Sydney Water by the Water Servicing Coordinator for proposals building over or adjacent to critical Sydney Water assets and/or involving more than 100 dwellings. 	<p>The provisions aim to minimise post-consent complications that might otherwise necessitate modifications to approved developments.</p>
DCP section 6 Sustainability	<p>The draft DCP has been amended to address the long term and uncertain timeframe for hydrogen and biomethane to replace gas, as the previous wording in the chapter was contradictory.</p>	<p>Wording is changed based on the following feedback from a 'general community' member:</p> <p>"Concerns raised that all new developments should be fully electric, but references to hydrogen and biogas as medium-term replacements for natural gas create confusion and undermine this objective.</p> <p>While the Randwick DCP encourages electrification for new builds on page 17 and promotes 5 Green Star, fossil-fuel-free standards for developments over \$3 million on page 18, the mention of natural gas and its future substitutes contradicts these goals.</p> <p>Since the likelihood of hydrogen or biogas replacing natural gas in this context is low, retaining this paragraph may unintentionally justify continued gas connections in new developments, and therefore it should be removed."</p>
Block Plans 10 and 12 and relevant cross sections	<p>The block plans and relevant cross sections have been updated to reflect post exhibition changes to heights and FSR for the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 122A and 110-122 Avoca Street sites. 	<p>The proposed changes are in response to submissions requesting that additional height considered for these sites to accommodate more development capacity.</p>
Block Plan 7 Submission from 31-43 Belmore Rd	<p>Request to increase footprint of upper levels from 17m to 20m to provide flexibility in the configuration of any new buildings.</p> <p>Request to remove one of two internal pedestrian links throughout the sites.</p>	<p>The subject site is listed as a local heritage item.</p> <p>This request has been carefully considered through 3D modelling. The testing considered all properties within Block 7 i.e 45-51 Belmore Rd and 21-33 Belmore Rd. The analysis concluded that the additional building depth would have minor impacts in massing given that the changes are proposed to the rear of these properties. The continuous two storey height along Bell Lane</p>

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		<p>shown in the block plans is not proposed to be amended.</p> <p>The outlined internal pedestrian links have been amended with one of the pedestrian links moved north and are incorporated on the sites to the north of 31-43 Belmore Rd. This removes the requirement of two pedestrian links on one site, however, it retains an internal pedestrian link on sites to the north.</p>
References to Randwick Club	References to the Randwick Labor Club have been amended to "Former Randwick Club"	The proposed changes acknowledge that the Randwick Club site is no longer functioning as a club.

Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan

Provision	Proposed Amendment	Comment
Amendments to "section 2. <i>Affordable Housing Contributions</i> "	<p>Section 2 of the draft Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan has been amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current affordable housing rates taken from the NSW Rent and Sales Quarterly Report have been included in the Plan. These rates are used to calculate the affordable housing monetary contribution. The definition of TFA in the Plan has been clarified to align with the definition in the Randwick LEP 2012. Clarification of developments that are exempt from affordable housing contributions under cl2.5. Affordable housing delivered under the Housing SEPP (15 years) within the town centre is not exempt from making contributions under the Randwick LEP. Replace references within the Plan to the new "<i>Randwick City Council Affordable and Transitional Housing Guidelines 2026</i>". 	<p>Review of the draft Plan was undertaken following matters raised during court proceedings which highlighted the need for clarity in the calculation of affordable housing contributions.</p> <p>The proposed amendments clarify that developments proposing affordable housing floor space under the Housing SEPP (i.e maintained for 15 years) are not exempt from the Randwick LEP Affordable Housing requirements (in-kind and monetary). Rather, Council's requirements are in addition to Housing SEPP requirements.</p>
Amendments to Section 3 " <i>Administration</i> "	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section has been amended by removing content relating to operational requirements for 	The <i>Randwick City Council Affordable and Transitional Housing Guidelines 2026</i> were finalised after public

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<i>and Implementation</i>	social and affordable housing more appropriate for inclusion in the <i>“Randwick City Council Affordable and Transitional Housing Guidelines 2026”</i> .	exhibition of the Randwick Junction Affordable Housing Plan.

Next steps

As noted earlier in this report, following consideration of the submissions received during public exhibition, the post gateway RJPP and draft RJDCP have been updated to reflect the outcomes of the review.

Once endorsed by Council, the post gateway RJPP will be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for final consideration. As part of the statutory process, once the final RJPP is endorsed to proceed by the Minister of Planning, it will be referred to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel for preparation of formal legal drafting of the updated LEP Instrument and mapping. Once made, it is anticipated that the amended planning controls will be incorporated into the RLEP 2012 and formally come into effect in late 2026.

The draft DCP is not subject to the same statutory process as the RJPP and once endorsed by Council will come into effect once the proposed amendments to the RLEP 2012 are made.

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 diverse and affordable housing that responds to local needs
Objective	Increase the percentage of all households that are either social or dedicated affordable housing to a minimum of 10% by 2040
Delivery program commitment	Identify appropriate areas to apply an affordable housing contributions scheme requiring a proportion of all development to be dedicated as affordable housing and amend LEP 2012 to give effect to this by 2025.
Delivery program commitment	Provide additional housing opportunities for low income and key workers to support the Randwick Collaboration Area by 2031.
Objective	Increase the proportion of medium density housing supply by 3% by 2028 from a 2016 baseline of 27.9%
Delivery program commitment	Investigate opportunities to increase provision of affordable rental accommodation by 2031.
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	Review the LEP 2012 to provide for additional capacity to meet the target of providing 4,300 new dwellings between 2021 and 2026.
Delivery program commitment	Prepare and implement town and strategic centre strategies to support increased densities in appropriate locations from 2021 onwards.
Delivery program commitment	Ensure future redevelopment sites are aligned with future transport investment as identified in the transport strategy.

Outcome	A city with excellent built form that recognises local character
Objective	100% of development applications approved from 2025 onwards are consistent with the desired future character of the local area and consider design excellence
Delivery program commitment	Require design excellence and sustainability principles in all new developments by 2025.
Delivery program commitment	Investigate opportunities for promoting exceptional architectural and urban design outcomes for high density developments in key locations by 2025.
Delivery program commitment	Advocate for sustainable building and urban design excellence outcomes including higher BASIX requirements for residential flat buildings in Randwick City by 2025.

Risks

Risk	Mitigation
<p>Not adopting PP, DCP and AH</p> <p>Lack of strategic overview and directions (holistic approach)</p>	<p>The recommendation of this report is that Council adopt the final Planning Proposal, DCP and Affordable Housing Plan to provide an integrated strategic planning framework. Following Council endorsement, the PP will be forwarded to the Parliamentary Council for an opinion and finalisation.</p>
<p>Local planning priorities would lack statutory weight if the PP and DCP are not adopted</p>	<p>Adopting a holistic framework will give statutory weight to Council's planning objectives and enable consistent application of planning controls in DA and SSD assessment as well as court proceedings.</p>
<p>Misalignment with state strategic framework may limit Council's influence over future planning outcomes</p>	<p>Adopting a holistic planning framework that aligns with State and Regional directions will enable Council to apply evidence based planning controls to guide future development.</p>
<p>Inability to secure affordable housing in perpetuity associated with new development</p>	<p>Adopting amendments and finalising the RJ Affordable Housing Plan will establish procedures and requirements for delivering affordable housing contributions (dedications to Council) supporting the proposed LEP contribution rates.</p>
<p>Missed public domain and community benefits tied to redevelopment</p>	<p>Adopting the Planning Proposal and DCP which contain detailed- block by block controls land will enable coordinated delivery of improvements across the town centre through redevelopment.</p>
<p>Missed opportunity for heritage renewal</p>	<p>Adoption of the Planning Proposal and DCP which contain heritage conservation objectives and controls that support the retention, adaptation and sensitive renewal of heritage items and contributory buildings.</p>
<p>Reputational risk to Council from inaction or delay</p>	<p>Proceeding with adoption of the PP provides clarity and certainty to the community and property owners and demonstrates leadership in addressing housing and employment priorities. It reinforces Council's proactive role.</p>

Resourcing Strategy implications

The costs associated with the development of this work is in accordance with the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget allocations.

Policy and legislative requirements

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation
Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
Randwick Development Control Plan 2013.

Conclusion

The Post Gateway PP and draft DCP provide a new planning framework to guide growth and change in the Randwick Junction town centre over the next 15-20 years. This new planning framework will be implemented via proposed amendments to the Randwick LEP 2012 and supported by new DCP provisions which will allow for a higher intensity of development at appropriate locations and scale whilst also providing for community benefits including providing for the delivery of affordable housing dwellings for essential key workers.

The proposed planning framework for Randwick Junction aims for best practice architectural/urban design, heritage and environmentally sustainable outcomes. It also includes principles that reduce reliance on private vehicles and facilitate access to public transport, pedestrian and cycle networks.

Submission made during public exhibition of the documents have been considered and where appropriate amendments have been made as outlined in this report.

The Randwick Junction Planning Proposal, DCP and Affordable Housing Plan are recommended for adoption by Council. Following adoption, the necessary legislative amendments will be prepared by Parliamentary Counsel and subsequently gazetted, along with new LEP maps.

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File Reference: F2025/00916

Director City Planning Report No. CP13/26

Subject: Supporting Residents in the Vicinity of the Development with Infill Affordable Housing - Botany and Wallace Street, Kingsford

Executive Summary

- The purpose of this report is to respond to a Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford adopted at the Council meeting of 24 March 2026 (Luxford/Veitch), seeking an investigation into how Council can support residents in achieving improved amenity outcomes in relation to the proposed State Significant Development (SSD) at 118–124 Botany Street and 58–60 Wallace Street, Kingsford.
- The subject proposal comprises an 8 storey residential flat building (RFB) incorporating 141 dwellings (including 24 affordable rental housing dwellings for 15 years), basement parking for 102 vehicles, and associated landscaping and communal open space.
- The proposal exceeds the applicable maximum height of building and floor space ratio (FSR) provisions under the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* (RLEP 2012), by utilising available planning incentives under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (Housing SEPP). These include the Low and Mid Rise Housing Reforms (height of 22m and FSR of 2.2:1); and affordable housing bonus provisions which allow an increase up to 30% above the applicable height and FSR.
- The subject proposal is at the preliminary stages of the SSD process with the applicant's submission of a scoping report providing a high level description of the intended development and issuing of *Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements* (SEARs) which identifies the environmental, social, economic and planning issues that must be addressed in a future application/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which includes architectural plans and the required technical studies.
- The SSD legislative process provides several structured opportunities for Council to advocate on behalf of community interests as well as for the community to provide feedback, as part of the EIS exhibition.
- Council's advocacy to date has been proactive, to ensure that community interests are embedded throughout the SSD process. This has included:
 - Early engagement with the proponent to raise planning, design, and amenity issues
 - Meeting with the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and the applicant following issue of the SEARs to ensure robust assessment requirements; and
 - Calls for expanded and more accessible community consultation by the proponent.
- Council is to note that once the EIS is placed on exhibition, a comprehensive submission will be lodged to ensure that local planning and amenity issues are properly considered and that the SSD assessment is well informed and responsive to the community needs of the local area.

Recommendation

That Council note the report.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CP13/26

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to the following Notice of Motion (Luxford/Veitch) adopted at the Council meeting of 24 March 2026:

That:

- (a) *Council support and assist residents residing in the vicinity of SSD97050208 - 118-124 Botany Street Kingsford and 58-60 Wallace Street Kingsford to obtain better outcomes for their amenity regarding this development; and*
- (b) *Council officers investigate the relevant mechanism and required justification and report back to Council by May on the most appropriate approach.*

This report accordingly identifies opportunities within the existing legislative SSD framework for Council to advocate on behalf of the community and where community concerns regarding amenity and design outcomes may be considered under the SSD process

Background

Proposed Development

Following the preparation of a scoping report by the proponent, the State Government recently issued the *Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements* (SEARs) for a proposed State Significant Development Application (SSDA) at 118–124 Botany Street and 58–60 Wallace Street, Kingsford. The proposal comprises an 8 storey residential flat building (RFB) with 141 dwellings (including affordable housing), basement parking for approximately 102 vehicles, and associated landscaping and communal open space. With an estimated capital investment value exceeding \$75 million, the project meets the threshold for assessment as State Significant Development (SSD).

The site is currently subject to a maximum building height of 16.5m and a floor space ratio (FSR) of 1.6:1 under the RLEP 2012. However, the proposal seeks to rely on the Low and Mid Rise Housing provisions (LMR Reforms) contained in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (Housing SEPP), which permit development standards that exceed those in the RLEP 2012. The proposal is utilising provisions within the Low and Mid Rise Housing Inner Area (defined as land within 400 meters of a nominated town centre) under the Housing SEPP where a maximum FSR of 2.2:1 and a maximum building height of 22m (six storeys) apply.

The site is identified as Area 3 under the *Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012* (RLEP 2012) Special Provisions Area Map. As such, an additional 3% affordable housing contribution applies under Clause 6.27 of the RLEP 2012

The proposal is seeking to utilise the infill affordable housing bonus provisions of the Housing SEPP, which permit a 30% increase above the applicable FSR and height controls where at least 15% of the gross floor area is provided as affordable housing for a minimum period of 15 years. When combined with the Low and Mid Rise Housing provisions, these State policy incentives enable a maximum FSR of 2.86:1 and a maximum building height of 28.6m for the site.

The total affordable housing yield on the site is approximately 18%, or around 24 dwellings.

It is important to note that the Scoping Report provides only a high level description of the proposal and does not represent the final built form. Detailed architectural plans and supporting documentation will be submitted with a future application/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will be subject to detailed assessment and public consultation, as outlined later in this report.

Table 1 summarises the proposal. Figures 2 and 3 show the site location and indicative massing, as extracted from the SSD Scoping Report prepared by Beam Planning (dated 24 September 2025) on behalf of the proponent, Antipodean Building Group.

Table 1: Summary of Proposal (extracted from SSD Scoping Report)

Category	Detail
Site address	118–124 Botany Street, Kingsford and 58–60 Wallace Street, Kingsford
Application type	State Significant Development Application (SSDA)
Documentation issued	Scoping Report and Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)
Capital investment value	> \$75 million (SSD threshold exceeded)
Proposed development	New residential flat building (RFB), basement parking, landscaping, communal open space
Total dwellings	141 dwellings
Affordable housing	
Affordable Housing (Infill – Housing SEPP)	15% of GFA, managed by a registered CHP for minimum 15 years (proponent has indicated approximately 20 dwellings)
Affordable Housing (RLEP 2012 – Clause 6.27)	Additional 3% contribution (Area 3) (proponent has indicated approximately 4 dwellings)
Total affordable housing	~18% of dwellings (approx. 24 dwellings)
Basement parking	102 spaces
Development standards	
RLEP 2012	Height: 16.5m; FSR: 1.6:1
Low & Mid Rise Housing (Housing SEPP Chapter 6) (Applies -site within 400m of town centre)	Height: 22m (6 storeys); FSR: 2.2:1
Infill Affordable Housing Bonus (Housing SEPP Chapter 2)	Up to 30% increase in height and FSR where ≥15% GFA is affordable housing
Maximum Controls with Combined Bonuses	Height: 28.6m; FSR: 2.86:1
Consultation and Engagement	Proponents of a state significant project are required to detail the engagement undertaken during the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) and demonstrate how the engagement was consistent with the Department's guideline https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2026/Undertaking%20Engagement%20Guidelines%20for%20state%20significant%20projects.pdf



Figure 1: Location of the site

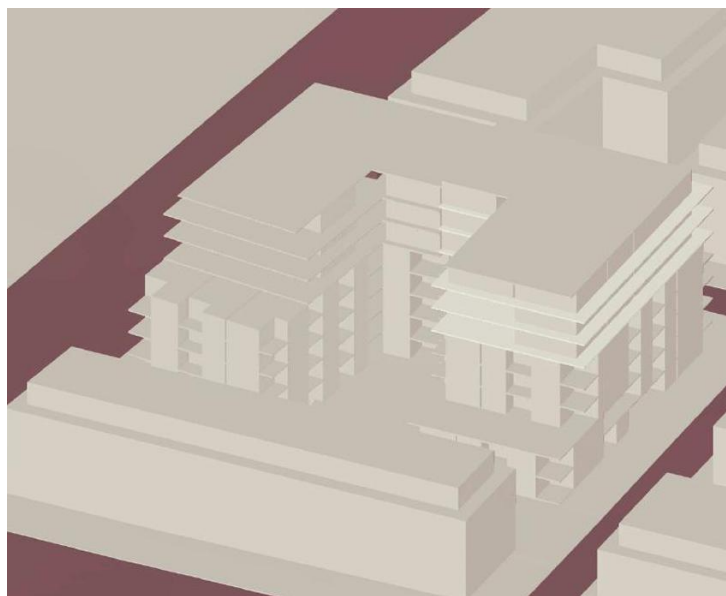


Figure 2: Indicative massing

Community Concerns

Council is to note that members of the community have expressed concerns regarding the scale of the proposed development and its potential impact on local amenity including traffic and parking. Additionally, concerns have been raised about proposal’s reliance on the Housing SEPP bonus provisions (affordable housing and LMR provisions) which enable building heights and densities beyond what the RLEP 2012 planning controls permit for the site.

Community members have also questioned the level of consultation available under the State Significant Development (SSD) process, and how both Council and the community can meaningfully influence development outcomes to ensure that key local issues and expectations are properly addressed.

Overview- State Significant Development Process

State Significant Developments (SSDs) are assessed by the NSW Government under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and follow a structured statutory pathway designed to ensure that environmental, social and economic impacts are fully considered prior to determination. Although Council is not the consent authority for SSDs, the process includes several formal opportunities for agency, council and community input. Consistent with the intent of the Notice of Motion, Council staff have actively sought to maximise these opportunities, advocate for the community, and encourage enhanced transparency and engagement throughout the assessment of the subject SSD.

The SSD process comprises several key stages, each supported by statutory requirements for consultation and public participation. These are summarised as follows:

Scoping Report:

The Scoping Report is the first step in the formal SSD process. It is a preliminary document prepared by the proponent in accordance with Government Guidelines, which describes the project at a high level. The Scoping Report identifies the strategic and statutory context, and summarises key stakeholders, community engagement and further consultation that is to occur during the preparation of an EIS. It also identifies key issues that require assessment under the EIS.

Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs):

Once the Scoping Report is received, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) Planning Secretary is required to issue the SEARs for the project. SEARs are a legally required set of assessment requirements that:

- Identify the environmental, social, economic and planning issues that must be addressed in a future EIS
- Specify the technical studies required (e.g., traffic, overshadowing, wind, noise, heritage, social impact, design excellence)
- Set out the methodologies, guidelines and standards to be used; and
- Ensure the EIS is comprehensive, consistent and fit for public exhibition

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Application:

The EIS/application constitutes the primary technical assessment of the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed development. It must be prepared in accordance with the SEARs and forms the primary document relied upon by the DPHI, public authorities, Council and the community to understand and evaluate the implications of the proposal. The EIS/application evaluates likely impacts, outlines mitigation measures, considers alternatives, and demonstrates consistency with relevant planning instruments and strategic frameworks. The EIS/application is publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days, during which councils and the community may make submissions.

Response to Submissions (RTS):

The proponent must prepare an RTS addressing issues raised during exhibition. This is an additional layer of engagement by providing the opportunity for the community to review how their concerns were addressed by the applicant and identify any gaps or unresolved matters.

Assessment and Determination:

Following the RTS, the DPHI undertakes its final assessment, considering the EIS, submissions, agency advice and the proponent's responses. The Minister or delegate then determines the application.

Council and Community Engagement Opportunities

Council is not the consent authority for SSD proposals. The SSD legislative framework provides several structured mechanisms through which both Council and the community can comment on the proposal. These mechanisms operate at different stages of the process and allow Council to raise local issues, advocate for community interests, and ensure that the assessment reflects the unique characteristics and expectations of the site and surrounding area.

These opportunities align directly with the Notice of Motion's objective of strengthening community participation and ensuring Council plays an active advocacy role. These are summarised as follows:

Early Engagement During the Scoping Report Stage:

The Scoping Report stage provides an early formal opportunity for Council and the community to shape the direction of the SSD assessment. Under the Government's SSD Guidelines for Preparing a Scoping Report, the proponent's Scoping Report must include an overview of stakeholders to be consulted and details of engagement that will be carried out during preparation of the EIS. Engagement input at this stage allows initial planning, design, and site-specific issues to be raised directly with both the proponent and the DPHI. Matters such as local character, amenity impacts, infrastructure capacity, environmental sensitivities, and community expectations can be identified before detailed studies commence. The DPHI Engagement Guidelines for SSD's state that: *"To facilitate meaningful engagement, the proponent should show how feedback was considered and how it influenced the final shape of the project."*

Input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs):

The SEARs set the mandatory scope of technical studies and impact assessments for the EIS/application. Council's input at this stage ensures that key local matters—such as traffic impacts, cumulative development pressures, heritage considerations, flooding, biodiversity, and social impacts, are formally embedded in the assessment framework. This step is critical because once the SEARs are issued, they define the minimum level of analysis the proponent must undertake. The Department typically issues the standard industry specific SEARS for residential proposals in order to make the process more efficient and reduce project timeframes.

Detailed Review and Submission During the Public Exhibition of the EIS/Application:

During exhibition, both Council and the community have the opportunity to scrutinise the proposal in detail. This includes reviewing the adequacy of technical studies, assessing the significance of predicted impacts, evaluating the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures, and identifying any inconsistencies with local planning controls or strategic objectives. Council's submission at this stage is a key advocacy tool, providing a comprehensive, evidence based response that highlights key planning, design and technical issues, recommends amendments, and clearly articulates community concerns.

Follow-Up Commentary on the Response to Submissions (RTS):

Once the proponent has responded to issues raised during exhibition, Council can provide further commentary on the adequacy of those responses. This includes assessing whether concerns have been properly addressed, whether additional mitigation or design changes are required, and whether any unresolved issues remain significant. This step ensures that community feedback is not only acknowledged but meaningfully considered before the DPHI finalises its assessment.

Addressing the Notice of Motion

Throughout the preparation of the subject SSD, Council staff have consistently and proactively sought opportunities to advocate for the community's interests and strengthen the overall consultation process. This has included early engagement with the proponent, requests for enhanced community consultation, and ongoing dialogue before the EIS/application is submitted to ensure that local issues are understood and addressed. These actions are summarised as follows:

Early Engagement and SEARs Input:

Council has maintained regular and constructive engagement with the DPHI and the proponent regarding the proposal.

As a condition of the SEARs, an initial meeting was held on 29 January 2026 where Council staff provided input into the proposal, including identifying relevant planning controls, infrastructure constraints, environmental considerations, and required technical studies. This early advocacy is important in ensuring that issues of importance to the community are integrated in the statutory assessment requirements.

This early engagement was followed up by a second meeting on 21 April 2026 at which the proponent presented the working design concept. During these discussions, Council staff emphasised the need for early and ongoing consultation, particularly regarding potential amenity impacts, traffic and parking, vehicular access, local character, infrastructure capacity, waste collection and other matters of concern to Council and the community.

Community Consultation:

The proponent has also undertaken preliminary community consultation, including an online webinar held on 10 March 2026. Community input will help inform the EIS/application. Council has requested that additional consultation sessions be held both prior to and during the exhibition of the EIS/application to ensure residents have multiple opportunities to understand the proposal and provide feedback. This request aligns with the Notice of Motion’s call for enhanced community engagement and provides additional consultation opportunities for the community.

Ongoing Advocacy and Future Actions:

Council has engaged with the proponent at key milestones throughout the project’s progression. As noted above, this has included meetings in January 2026 and during the development of the architectural plans in April 2026. Council staff have also requested a further meeting once the design concept and technical studies are finalised, and prior to lodgement of the EIS/application, to ensure that local issues are fully understood and appropriately addressed.

During the public exhibition of the EIS/application, Council staff will undertake a cross departmental detailed technical review and prepare a comprehensive submission identifying any design issues and amenity impacts, and design amendments or mitigation measures, to ensure that the community’s interests are clearly articulated.

Following exhibition, Council will review the proponent’s RTS to ensure that community concerns have been adequately addressed and will continue to advocate for improved outcomes where necessary.

It is important to recognise that both Council and the proponent must act consistently with the applicable SSD legislative requirements for community consultation. This includes ensuring that all consultation processes are undertaken in accordance with the statutory framework, following the prescribed timeframes, and providing stakeholders with a genuine opportunity to review, understand, and respond to the proposal. Upholding these statutory consultation obligations is critical to maintaining transparency and public trust in the SSD process.

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	Align future redevelopment with infrastructure investment, ensuring that housing growth is supported by transport including local, state and regional infrastructure as identified in relevant strategies.
Delivery program commitment	Ensure high level and continuous improvement of development assessment services to our community.
Outcome	A city with excellent built form that recognises local character
Objective	100% of development applications approved from 2025 onwards are consistent with the desired future character of the local area and consider design excellence.
Delivery program commitment	Continue to require design excellence and sustainability principles in all new developments.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
Applicant willingness to consider design modifications	Council officers will continue to request that the applicant address design, and amenity impacts and request opportunities to review designs before lodgment of the EIS/application.
Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) consideration of issues raised by Council	Council officers have raised design issues of community interest with the DPHI and requested that these be addressed prior to lodgment of the EIS/application. Council will provide a formal submission during exhibition of the EIS/application. Following public exhibition, Council officers will have a further opportunity to consider and respond to the proponent’s response to submissions.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The preparation of this report and Council’s ongoing involvement in the SSD process can be accommodated within the existing City Planning operational budget. No additional funding allocations are required at this stage.

Policy and legislative requirements

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
 Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations

Conclusion

Although Council is not the consent authority for SSDs, the legislative framework provides several pathways to advocate on behalf of the community. Council’s ongoing involvement in the SSD process for 18–124 Botany Street, Kingsford, and 58–60 Wallace Street, Kingsford reflects a strong commitment to ensuring that local issues are properly considered during assessment. By engaging at every available stage, raising early planning and design concerns, and calling for improved community consultation, Council supports a more informed, transparent, and inclusive decision making process that aims to genuinely reflect community interests.

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File Reference: F2026/00091

Director City Planning Report No. CP14/26

Subject: Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36 - Post Exhibition Report

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to the Council resolution from 18 November 2025 (Veitch/Magner) endorsing the public exhibition of the *Draft Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-2036* and supporting *Draft Resilient Randwick - Synthesis Report 2026* and requesting a report on the outcomes of the consultation.
- The Draft Strategy and associated Synthesis Report was placed on public exhibition for 12 weeks from 21 November 2025 to 17 February 2026, with a further two consultation activities carried out specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in April 2026. This report outlines the results of this community consultation.
- The original consultation period was set to start on 21 November 2025 and end on 6 February 2026, but the period was extended by 11 days to allow for re-scheduling of a pop-up event that was postponed due to extreme weather, and to opportunistically carry out a further two presentations to Precinct Committees at their first meeting of the year.
- Community and stakeholder feedback generally demonstrates support for the Strategy. A total of 17 survey responses were received along with four submissions. Significant face-to-face engagement was also carried out with over 100 participants. A comprehensive summary of findings is outlined in Attachment 1, Community Consultation Report.
- Amendments have been made to the Strategy in response to the feedback received. An outline of the amendments to the Strategy is provided in Table 1 of this report. A marked-up version of the Strategy and Synthesis Report are provided in Attachment 2 and 3.
- Two stress tests were undertaken to evaluate the draft Strategy against recent, real-world shock scenarios - the Bondi Beach attack and the fuel crisis. The existing risk assessment rating and actions proved to be highly relevant, with only minor adjustments required that did not trigger any changes to our identified top shocks.
- The most notable changes to the draft Strategy include:
 - New and amended Strategic Actions addressing issues facing our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
 - Two new case studies for bushfire and flooding;
 - A new Strategic Action addressing bushfire risk;
 - Strengthened Strategic Action wording addressing flood risk;
 - Additional 'shock' identification for two Strategic Actions relating to both bushfire and flooding.
- This report recommends that Council adopt the exhibited *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-2036* and the *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026*, as amended.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) notes the feedback received from the public exhibition of the *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and associated *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026* and amendments to these documents informed by community and stakeholder feedback; and
- b) adopts the *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026*, as amended.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Consultation Report - Resilient Randwick Strategy and Synthesis Report
2. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Resilient Randwick Strategy - With Mark Ups
3. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report - With Mark Ups

CP14/26

Purpose

At the 18 November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to endorse the *Draft Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and Synthesis Report for public exhibition:

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Magner) that Council:

- a) endorse placing the *Draft Resilient Randwick Strategy* and the supporting *Draft Resilient Randwick - Synthesis Report* on public exhibition;
- b) endorse that the public exhibition period run for a minimum of 28 days and be extended until early February 2026 to account for the end of year and New Year holiday period; and
- c) receive a report on the outcomes of the public exhibition following the consultation period.

This report provides a summary of the consultation activities carried out during public exhibition of the *Draft Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and associated Synthesis Report. It also includes the results of two stress tests undertaken and details subsequent amendments made to the documents.

Discussion

Background and Context

In a city context, such as Randwick, resilience is the ability of community to survive, adapt and thrive in the face of disruption. It encompasses both shocks, which are sudden events such as storms, floods or cyber-attacks that disrupt daily life, and stresses, which are ongoing challenges like housing affordability, cost-of-living pressures and social isolation that erode a community's capacity to withstand and recover from shocks.

To enhance local resilience Randwick City Council has developed its first Resilience Strategy, following the steps outlined in the Roadmap for Developing Randwick's Resilience and Recovery Framework endorsed by Council on 30 April 2024. It builds on the foundation laid by Resilient Sydney, including the recently updated *Resilient Sydney Strategy 2025-2030*. That work mapped shocks and stresses across Greater Sydney's 33 local government areas, providing a shared evidence base for resilience planning. Randwick's approach aligns with this, while tailoring it to the unique conditions, priorities and vulnerabilities of our local community.

The process for developing the strategy included two main inputs:

1. Risk Assessment: A local resilience risk assessment that aligns with the Resilient Sydney framework that identified key shocks, stresses and vulnerabilities specific to Randwick.
2. Community consultation: Undertaken with over 650 participants and diverse stakeholders, consultation ensured the strategy reflects local priorities and lived experiences.

The outcomes of the risk assessment and community consultation are summarised in the *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026* and formed the evidence base for developing the Strategy, including its Vision, Outcomes, Goals and Strategic Actions. The five Strategic Outcomes supported by 22 Goals and 96 place based, evidence-informed Strategic Actions to be delivered over 4–10 years.

Community Consultation

In line with Council's Community Engagement Strategy, the Strategy and Synthesis Report were placed on public exhibition for 12 weeks from 21 November 2025 – 17 February 2026. This is significantly longer than the required period of time of 28 days to allow for the holiday period.

The original consultation period was set to start on 21 November 2025 and end on 6 February 2026, but the period was extended by 11 days to allow for re-scheduling of a pop-up event that






was postponed due to extreme weather, and to opportunistically carry out a further two presentations to Precinct Committees at their first meeting of the year.

There were a further two consultation activities carried out specifically for Indigenous and First Nations people in April 2026.

Consultation activities undertaken:

- Dedicated ‘Your Say’ Randwick webpage.
- Email campaigns to key stakeholders including the Resilience Advisory Committee, Resilience Strategy External Working Group, Resilient Sydney, neighbouring Councils and Randwick Precinct Committees.
- Presentations to the Precinct Coordination Committee, Matraville Precinct and Clovelly Precincts and the Resilience Advisory Committee.
- Pop-ups stalls at Maroubra Beach Markets and Coogee Beach.
- Publications including Randwick SCENE Magazine - Summer 2025/26 edition and an edition of Weekly eNews during the consultation period.
- Social media including Facebook and Instagram posts.
- Digital displays at the libraries, the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and the Customer Service Centre.
- Councillor notification.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific events - Lapa Youth Council and Gujaga Family Day Yarra Bay.

These activities resulted in the following:

 1074 website visits	 151 Strategy downloads 71 Synthesis Report downloads	 17 survey responses	 4 submissions	 111 face to face dialogues ¹
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Of particular note is the endorsement received by industry body Resilient Sydney:

“..... The strategy’s clear and concise guiding principles and outcomes position Randwick well for success. The 22 goals and 99 strategic actions provide a robust and actionable framework, particularly through their planned integration into Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework, ensuring resilience is embedded into everyday decision-making and delivery.

The depth and breadth of community engagement is also commendable. Engaging more than 650 community members and stakeholders through a youth forum, online survey, pop-ups, and targeted workshops and interviews demonstrate a genuine commitment to inclusive and participatory planning.

Overall, it is excellent to see how strongly aligned the Draft Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026–2036 is with key areas of community wellbeing, housing, environment, inclusion, transport, and infrastructure, while also complementing existing strategies already underway in Randwick. This integrated approach strengthens the strategy and positions Randwick City Council as a leader in local government resilience planning.

Resilient Sydney supports the proposed strategy.”

Details of these consultation activities - including the full submission from Resilient Sydney mentioned above - are presented in Attachment 1 *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36 Community Consultation Report*.

Stress Testing

Two stress tests based on real world shock scenarios were undertaken during the consultation period:

1. Bondi Beach attack
2. Fuel crisis

Both of these shock events presented opportunities to test the risk assessment ratings and temperature check the Strategic Actions relating to those shocks. In both cases, the relevant likelihood, consequence and then overall risk rating were evaluated based on the available data relating to the shock event.

If any changes in the likelihood of a shock occurred, it was subsequently evaluated how relevant stress ratings were impacted. The overall risk rating criteria were based on the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience National Emergency Risk Assessment Guideline.

Both shocks fared extremely well against the stress tests.

The following amendments were made:

- o Update wording in the Synthesis report to capture the occurrence of these two events in recent history;
- o Updated shock identification to include terror attack for goals 9,10,16 and 17 in the Strategy;
- o Incorporation of ‘Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design’ into Strategic Action 2.8;
- o A quantitative statement to clarify that the community concern data for terror attack was rated before this shock event
- o Small updated wording changes to the shock and stress descriptions to reflect the shock event and emphasize specific issues such as the effects of fuel availability and prices.

Changes to endorsed Strategy

The following Table 1 summarises the changes to the draft Strategy in response to feedback including the online survey, submissions, presentations given and face to face engagement.

Table 1: Summary of changes to the draft Strategy in response to feedback

Key Theme	Summary of key points	Response and Actions take n
Need for clearer implementation detail	Requests for clearer timeframes, defined responsibilities, performance measures, reporting mechanisms and practical delivery pathways.	A new paragraph added in Section 3.6 Integrated Planning and Reporting detailing action ownership, funding sources and operational business planning.

Key Theme	Summary of key points	Response and Actions take n
<p>Prioritising vulnerable and diverse communities</p>	<p>Support for prioritising older people, people with disability, low-income households, culturally diverse communities, and ensuring culturally safe services and programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.</p>	<p>Review of existing Strategic Actions including Strategic Action 2.1: <i>Improve resident access to health, social and digital services, particularly for people facing social or economic barriers</i>. No changes required.</p> <p>Re-wording of goals relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community (1.16, 1.17, 1.19 and 1.20 – see below theme “Connection to country, culture, and community wellbeing”);</p> <p>Clearer outline of prioritisation process and clearer presentation of community identified concerns by Ward (Figure 3).</p>
<p>Need to focus on flood mitigation and preparedness; stronger focus on flooding as a risk for the LGA</p>	<p>How current and future flood studies align with the Strategy’s “shocks and stresses” framework and how flooding will be mitigated as an overall risk across the LGA.</p>	<p>Revision of wording for a number of Strategic Actions to specifically highlight flooding in terms of emergency preparedness (4.6 and 5.14);</p> <p>Revision of wording for a number of Strategic Actions to strengthen flood risk mitigation (5.3, 5.10 and 4.16);</p> <p>Included new case study on the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP).</p>
<p>Stronger focus on bushfire as a risk for the LGA</p>	<p>How bushfire risk is mitigated in the LGA and agencies work together.</p>	<p>Revised wording in bushfire shock description to reflect hazard reduction burns;</p> <p>Revision of wording of a number of Strategic Actions to specifically highlight bushfire in terms of emergency preparedness (4.6 and 5.14);</p> <p>Included new case study on the Randwick Environment Park Hazard Reduction Burn;</p> <p>Additional Strategic Action added: 4.8 <i>Work with National Parks and Wildlife Service and relevant firefighting authorities to plan and deliver hazard reduction management</i>.</p>
<p>Connection to country, culture, and</p>	<p>A need for stronger and more defined focus on caring for country, cultural continuity,</p>	<p>Revised wording for Goal 4 and Strategic Actions 1.16,1.17;</p>

Key Theme	Summary of key points	Response and Actions take n
community wellbeing	intergenerational knowledge and community belonging.	Two additional Strategic Actions, that support Actions 8 and 9 of Council's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, to address support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander vocational pathways connected to Caring for Country and supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and businesses.
Housing and infrastructure capacity	Recognition of housing as a core resilience issue; calls for urgent action to increase supply and quality.	Support noted. Sufficiently covered in Goal 7 and Strategic Action 2.10; Added paragraph on roles and responsibilities of Local Government versus State Government, using housing as an example in Section 1.5 "Strategic Alignment."
Community awareness, communication, and engagement	Support for accessible, inclusive communication; support for community-led initiatives, partnerships and grassroots resilience programs.	Support noted. Sufficiently covered in Strategic Actions, including 2.5; New Strategic Action added relating to supporting community led initiatives that foster caring for country.
Practical enablers for successful delivery	Importance of long-term funding, cross-department collaboration, ongoing monitoring and reporting and integration with Council's broader planning frameworks.	A new paragraph added in Section 3.6 Integrated Planning and Reporting detailing action ownership, funding sources and operational business planning.
Environmental protection and climate resilience	Strong support to protect natural environments; concerns about water quality, coastal areas, urban forests, stormwater, erosion and waste.	Support noted. Sufficiently covered in existing Strategic Actions, including 1.1, 1.2 and 1.6.
Confusion over climate change and why it isn't listed as a top stress	Easily to be confused as a 'stress', climate change is actually a 'global driver of change.'	Moved section 2.7 of the Strategy "Trends and Emerging Issues" (which identify climate change as a global driver of change) to before the identification of top shocks and stresses to highlight the position of climate change.

Key Theme	Summary of key points	Response and Actions take n
Role of Local Government in resilience	The need for clearer roles and responsibilities of Local Government across resilience issues such as housing, especially in relation to other government agencies.	New copy added to section 1.5 “Strategic Alignment” outlining the role Local Government plays compared to State and Federal Government.
Graphic/grammatical improvements	Minor design element improvements, spelling or grammatical errors rectified.	Front cover images added to both Strategy and Synthesis Report; “IP&R” acronym defined in copy in Section 1.5 “Strategic Alignment”; Update Strategy Appendix B with revised goal wording; Moved Strategic Action 5.6 from Goal 18 to Goal 14 as a better fit (no change to wording).

Strategic alignment

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

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan	
Strategy	Environment.
Outcome	A community more knowledgeable, proactive, and responsive to climate change impacts.
Objective	Achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (CO2-equivalent) across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline, while acknowledging the significance and importance of aspiring to a 100% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the same timeframe.
Delivery program commitment	Provide our community with support to improve resilience to shocks and stressors.
Outcome	A city with diverse ecosystems that are restored and protected.
Objective	Increase by at least 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline.
Delivery program commitment	Improve the connectivity of key bushland areas by planting and maintaining native and indigenous ground covers, shrubs and trees to support the Green Grid framework.
Outcome	A city that protects and conserves our limited natural resources.

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan

Objective	Reduce the consumption of energy and water across Randwick City per capita by 30% by 2030, from a 2017 baseline.
Delivery program commitment	Expand circular economy initiatives and programs to reduce resource use by council and our community.
Strategy	Housing.
Outcome	A city with excellent built form that recognises local character.
Objective	100% of development applications approved from 2025 onwards are consistent with the desired future character of the local area and consider design excellence.
Delivery program commitment	Continue to require design excellence and sustainability principles in all new developments.
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	Develop and implement a series of community and social plans to address the needs of our diverse community.

The Strategy also aligns with a range of other Council strategies and plans, supporting actions related to affordable housing, social cohesion, circularity, biodiversity, local business support, good governance and partnerships. These include:

- 2022 – 2026 Disability and Inclusion Action Plan
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Affordable Rental Housing Strategy 2025
- Asset Management Plans
- Social Cohesion Plan (Draft)
- Waste Management Strategy 2017-2030
- Youth Plan (Strategy) 2026-2031

Risks

If Council resolves not to adopt and implement a resilience strategy and subsequently invest in resilience activities may result in the following risks:

Strategic Risk	Risk Mitigation
Increased vulnerability to shocks and stresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement targeted resilience actions for priority populations and places.

Strategic Risk	Risk Mitigation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen emergency preparedness through education and infrastructure upgrades. Integrate resilience into planning and service delivery.
Reputational risk from lack of preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage regularly with stakeholders and community groups in the development and delivery of the Resilience Strategy. Publicly report on progress.
Increased insurance costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and implement risk reduction measures. Advocate for regional resilience investment.
Repair/replacement costs may exceed mitigation/adaptation costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise preventative maintenance and adaptation. Apply lifecycle costing in capital works planning. Seek co-funding opportunities for mitigation projects.
Missed opportunity for early intervention/mitigation action as they may no longer be available or feasible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed resilience actions into Council's Delivery Program. Monitor emerging risks and update the Strategy as required.
Missed opportunities for funding and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify future priority project opportunities in readiness for grants through implementing actions within the Resilience Strategy and aligning to the top shocks and stresses identified. Engage with networks and organisations to co-design initiatives.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Many of the key actions will be undertaken within Council's existing budget and staff resourcing as they align with other Council informing strategies and work programs. Additional funding may be required for project specific actions, particularly those involving infrastructure mitigation and adaptation. Budget impacts associated with these activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis and incorporated into the business planning for the project.

It is well documented that increased investment in risk reduction activities leads to a reduction of avoidable damages and recovery costs, clearly highlighting the long-term financial benefit to focus on anticipatory, mitigative and adaptive actions.

Where additional funding is required, grant funding opportunities through a range of national and state resilience programs will be investigated to assist in the implementation of the recommended options.

Policy and legislative requirements

This strategy aligns with the following legislation and policies:

Global

- *United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals*
- UN Paris Climate Accords

National

- *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*
- *National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework*
- *National Climate Resilience & Adaptation Strategy 2021-2025*
- *Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy*

State

- *NSW Climate Change Policy Framework*
- *NSW State Emergency Management Plan*
- *State Disaster Mitigation Plan*

Regional

- *Resilient Sydney Strategy 2025–2030*
- *Greater Sydney Region Plan, Greater Cities Commission*
- *Greater Cities Commission, Eastern District Plan*
- *Sydney Metropolitan Region Emergency Management Plan*
- *Disaster Adaptation Plans Guidelines*

Local

- *Randwick Community Strategic Plan*
- *7 Informing Strategies*
- *Local Emergency Management Plan.*

Conclusion

Council has developed the *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026* to set a clear vision for a resilient local community and Council, one that is better equipped to respond to future challenges whilst fostering a more equitable, connected and sustainable city.

The Strategy sets out 22 Goals and 96 place-based, evidence-informed Strategic Actions set out across five Outcomes. It was developed from a strong evidence base, summarised in the *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026*, and in alignment with the Resilient Sydney framework. The Strategy is shaped by community voices, informed by local data, risk assessments and global best practice.

Through its extended period of public exhibition, the Strategy was subject to a range of engagement activities and also put through two real life shock scenario stress tests. Feedback received during this period was largely positive and the minor changes made are reflective of community and stakeholder opinion. Resilient Sydney, the subject matter experts in the field, have endorsed the Strategy with a glowing recommendation.

It is recommended that Council adopt the amended *Resilient Randwick Strategy 2026-36* and *Resilient Randwick Strategy - Synthesis Report 2026*.

Responsible officer: Leonie Netting, Coordinator Resilience

File Reference: F2023/00240

Director City Planning Report No. CP15/26

**Subject: Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 - 01
April to 30 April 2026**

Executive Summary

- On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government published amendments in relation to the operation and reporting requirements of Clause 4.6 *Exceptions to Development Standards* 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 Development Applications (DA) 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 DAs that were determined within the period from 01 April through to 30 April 2026 in which a variation to a development standard under Clause 4.6 *Exceptions to Development Standards* 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 *Exceptions to Development Standards* of Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Attachment/s:

1.  Clause 4.6 Register - April 2026

Purpose

This report provides Council with details of Development Applications (DA) that were determined within the period from 01 April through to 30 April 2026 in which a variation to a development standard under Clause 4.6 *Exceptions to Development Standards* 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 *Exceptions to Development Standards* 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 Department 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 01 April through to 30 April 2026. 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.

April 2026

Three (3) Clause 4.6 variations were approved in the April period (01 April through to 30 April 2026), with one (1) application determined by Randwick Local Planning Panel (RLPP) due to variations greater than 10%, and two (2) applications determined under delegation (less than 10%).

Of the variations approved, the greatest extent of variation related to a development application for DA/1401/2025 at 19/120A Clovelly Road, Randwick, in which a variation of 115% to the Floor Space Ratio (FSR) standard and a variation of 56% to the height of buildings standard were approved. The RLPP supported the variation to the FSR and Height for the following reasons:

- The application sought consent for alterations and additions to an existing residential flat building, involving a minor extension of the living area of 38.71m² to Unit 19.
- The site is subject to a maximum building height of 12m and a FSR of 0.9:1, and the existing building currently exceeds both these standards. It should be noted that as a result of the proposed alterations and additions there shall be no change to the existing building height of 18.72m, with the proposed works sited below the existing roofline. The existing building currently exceeds the FSR standard by 113% and the proposed additions shall result in an additional 38.71m² of GFA, which represents an additional 0.009% of floor space. Furthermore, the proposed development sought to infill an existing roofed terrace area and therefore is primarily located within the existing building envelope with no additional perceivable bulk and scale as a result of the proposed additions.
- The detailed assessment demonstrated that the resultant development would not result in any unreasonable impacts upon the amenity of adjoining and surrounding properties with regards to visual bulk, privacy, view loss and overshadowing.
- In view of the above, the proposal was found to be consistent with the objectives of the building height and FSR standards and the R3 Medium Density Residential zone, and it was considered that the site-specific circumstances (with particular regards to the existing building envelope and non-compliances) 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 *Exceptions to Development Standards* of RLEP 2012 for the period specified in accordance with Council’s reporting requirements.

Responsible officer: Angela Manahan, Executive Planner

File Reference: F2008/00122

CLAUSE 4.6 REGISTER – APRIL 2026

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/1401/2025	19/120A	Clovelly Road	Randwick	2031	1: Residential - Alterations & additions	R3 – Medium Density	Clause 4.3 Building Height = 12m Clause 4.4 FSR = 0.9:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	Height = 18.72m or 56% (Existing Height = 18.72m or 56%) FSR = 1.9375:1 or 115.3% (Existing FSR = 1.919:1 or 113.2%)	DPHI	09/04/2026	RLPP	0	0
DA/1137/2025	346	Arden Street	Coogee	2034	3: Residential - New second occupancy	R2 – Low Density Residential	Clause 4.4A FSR = 0.6:1	Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy, and views.	FSR = 0.64:1 or 6.47%	DPHI	16/04/2026	DEL	1	0
DA/298/2026	63	Dwyer Avenue	Little Bay	2036	14: Other	R2 – Low Density Residential	Clause 4.1 Min Lot Size = 275m ²	Minimise likely adverse impact of subdivision and development on the amenity of neighbouring properties and to ensure the lot sizes are able to accommodate development that is suitable for its purpose.	Lot 100 = 258.92m ² or 5% Lot 101 = 258.92m ² or 5%	DPHI	21/04/2026	DEL	0	0

Director City Services Report No. CS22/26

**Subject: Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy
- Outcomes of Community Consultation**



Executive Summary

- At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 March 2024, it was resolved (*Said/Burst*) to place the draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy on public exhibition and report the results back to Council.
- The policy was publicly exhibited from 10 December 2025 to 28 January 2026.
- This report provides Council with a summary of the feedback received during the consultation and recommends adopting the policy.
- There are no changes proposed to the draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy due to feedback from the public exhibition process.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy.

Attachment/s:

1.  Naming of Randwick's Reserves, Facilities and Roads Policy - March 2024
2.  Consultation outcomes summary_ Naming Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy

Purpose

At the ordinary meeting on 26 March 2024, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Said/Burst) that Council:

- a) *endorse the Draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy to be placed on public exhibition, subject to page 139 of the policy being amended from "four" or more terms of local government to "two" or more terms of local government; and*
- b) *note following the community consultation stage, a report will be brought back to Council recommending adoption of the Policy considering any applicable changes as recommended by our community and key stakeholder groups.*

This report presents the outcomes of community consultation on the Draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy and seeks Council's endorsement to adopt the Policy, with minor amendments informed by community feedback.

Discussion

Background

In late 2023, it was identified that Council did not have a formal Naming of Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy.

Council Officers regularly receive naming and renaming requests through various channels including email, customer service requests, online applications, Council Notices of Motion and direct approaches to Councillors. While a consistent administrative approach has historically been applied, a formal Council policy document was absent.

In developing the draft policy, guidance was sought from the Place Naming Policy (2019) issued by the Geographical Names Board (GNB) of NSW under the authority of the Geographical Names Act 1966.

The GNB Policy as adopted in July 2019 outlines key principles that are applied to:

- Universal Naming,
- Commemorative Naming,
- Duplication of Naming,
- Place Naming,
- Recognition and use of Aboriginal Naming,
- Infrastructure.

The Draft *Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy* was prepared in alignment with relevant State principles and requirements and was subsequently endorsed by Council for public exhibition.

The resolution of Council in March 2024 proposed the amendment to the draft policy to change the eligibility requirement from "four or more terms of local government" to "two or more terms of local government".

However, Council is unable to make this amendment. The naming of roads, reserves and facilities is governed by State-level policy and legislation, under which the State Government is the approving authority for naming proposals. Council policies must be consistent with this State framework.

As a result, Council cannot amend the draft policy in a manner that would be inconsistent with the State requirements under which naming proposals are assessed and approved.

Community Consultation Outcomes

The draft policy was placed on public exhibition from 10 December 2025 to 28 January 2026.

Consultation activities included publication on Your Say Randwick, promotion through Randwick News, social media, Council’s website and direct email to Precinct Committees and subscribers. Engagement outcomes:

- 759 visits to the Your Say webpage
- 59 downloads of the draft policy
- 22 written submissions received

Overall feedback indicated general support for introducing a formal naming framework, with recommendations for refinement.

Key themes included:

Theme	Summary of Feedback	Responses to Feedback
Aboriginal Naming and Cultural Recognition	Eight submissions supported prioritising Aboriginal names and recognising First Nations history, language and connection to Country. Some requested greater emphasis on local language groups and stronger application of Aboriginal naming principles.	Council acknowledges the strong support for prioritising Aboriginal names and recognises this as a key principle of the Naming Policy. The Policy emphasises the importance of recognising First Nations history, languages, and connection to Country, and will strengthen its application by encouraging the use of local Aboriginal language groups in line with Geographical Naming Board guidelines. <i>RAP 3.6 Investigate opportunity to share local histories and stories through public art, signage, monuments and dual naming practice in consultation with Traditional Owners</i>
Gender Equity	Three submissions highlighted the underrepresentation of women in existing place names and encouraged Council to actively pursue improved gender balance in future naming considerations.	Council acknowledges this issue. As commemorations are usually considered through individual public requests, all naming will be in accordance with the proposed policy, i.e. community comments will be invited on requests subject to Council endorsement.
Multicultural Representation	Two submissions noted the cultural diversity of Randwick and encouraged broader multicultural recognition in naming decisions.	Council acknowledges the feedback and recognises Randwick’s cultural diversity; the Policy supports broader multicultural representation by encouraging inclusive naming that reflects the community’s diverse heritage, in line with GNB guidelines.
Process Transparency	Three submissions requested clearer guidance on how residents can nominate names or propose renaming,	Council acknowledges this feedback. Council notes that it consults the community on all naming proposals, and that renaming is not generally

Theme	Summary of Feedback	Responses to Feedback
	including accessible application pathways.	considered and only occurs in limited circumstances.
Naming After Individuals	Eight submissions expressed mixed views regarding commemorative naming. Some supported recognising individuals who have made significant contributions to the community, while others raised concerns about overuse, merit criteria or naming after elected representatives or paid public servants.	Council acknowledges the mixed views regarding commemorative naming and notes that the Policy provides clear guidelines on eligibility, merit criteria, and appropriate circumstances for commemorative names, ensuring their use is consistent, respectful, and aligned with GNB requirements.
Renaming Existing Places	Two submissions expressed concern regarding the cost, confusion and loss of historical continuity associated with renaming established places. The draft policy does not mandate renaming and retains a cautious approach.	Council acknowledges these concerns and notes that the draft Policy does not mandate renaming and adopts a cautious approach. Renaming of established places occurs only in limited circumstances and would require thorough community consultation to ensure impacts such as cost, confusion, and historical continuity are carefully considered.
Preference for Descriptive Names	Three submissions supported the use of descriptive, locational or flora/fauna-based names and suggested opportunities for educational interpretation.	Council acknowledges this support and notes that the Policy encourages the use of descriptive, locational, and flora/fauna-based names, recognising their value in reflecting local identity and enhancing community understanding through educational interpretation opportunities in line with GNB guidelines.

There are no changes proposed to the draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy due to feedback from the public exhibition process.

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 and Strategic Risks	Mitigation of Risks
Inconsistent decision-making	Adopting a Road Naming Policy aligned with the Geographical Naming Board (GNB) policy and seeking Council endorsement ensures consistent, transparent, and standardized decision-making, reducing ambiguity and limiting ad hoc or conflicting naming practices.
Perceived inequity or lack of transparency	Obtaining Council endorsement promotes fair, consistent, and transparent decision-making, reducing perceptions of bias or inequity in the naming process.
Reputational risk	Obtaining Council endorsement helps safeguard the organisation's reputation by ensuring consistent, defensible, and well-governed naming decisions, reducing the likelihood of public criticism or controversy.
Non-alignment with State naming requirements	Obtaining Council endorsement ensures compliance with State naming standards, reducing the risk of non-conformance, delays in approvals, and the need for rework.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no direct financial or staffing implications associated with adoption of the Policy.

Future renaming proposals, if supported by Council, may involve costs associated with signage replacement or administrative processing, which would be assessed and reported on a case-by-case basis.

Policy and legislative requirements

This Policy aligns with:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Geographical Names Act 1966
- Place Naming Policy (2019) – Geographical Names Board of NSW
- Roads Act 1993 (Section 162 – Naming of Public Roads)

Conclusion

Community consultation confirms support for establishing a clear and transparent naming framework for Randwick's roads, reserves and facilities.

The Draft Naming of Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy provide a consistent, transparent and legislatively compliant framework for managing naming requests.

It is recommended that Council adopt the Policy to improve clarity and accessibility.

Responsible officer: Shayne Hermansen, Personal Assistant to Manager Engineering Services

File Reference: F2004/06876

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Naming Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy

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Revision History

Revision	Adopted by / Date	Comment
1	Council /	New policy

Note: this policy will be reviewed at least every four (4) years.

Policy statement

Randwick City Council aims to provide a consistent and transparent process for naming Council owned and managed reserves, facilities and roads.

This policy endorses Council's adherence to the [Geographical Names Board \(GNB\) Place Naming Policy](#) and process for the naming of reserves, facilities and roads.

It aims to provide further guidance and criteria to apply the GNB Place Naming Policy when assessing and approving naming requests from the community.

1. Principles

1. Council will adhere to all relevant legislative and statutory requirements relating to the naming of reserves, roads and facilities.
2. Council will consider honouring individuals in the naming of **Council reserves and roads** if they have:
 - Been deceased for at least a year.
 - Made a highly significant contribution to the specific area or community. This will be measured against the GNB policy and includes the following:
 - *Four (4) or more terms of office on a local government Council.*
 - *Not been the subject of any adverse findings by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) enquiries.*
 - *Twenty (20) or more years association with a local community group or service club.*
 - *Twenty (20) or more years of association and service with a local or state government body or organisation.*
 - *Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long-term improvements for the community.*
3. Council will consider honouring individuals in the naming of **Council facilities** (including, but not limited to buildings, gardens, pools and grandstands) if they have:
 - Made a highly significant contribution to the specific area or community. This will be measured against the GNB policy and includes the following:
 - *Four (4) or more terms of office on a local government Council.*
 - *Not been the subject of any adverse findings by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) enquiries.*
 - *Twenty (20) or more years association with a local community group or service club.*
 - *Twenty (20) or more years of association and service with a local or state government body or organisation.*
 - *Action by an individual to protect, restore, enhance or maintain an area that produces substantial long-term improvements for the community.*
4. Those requests to name or rename reserves, facilities or roads that meet the GNB criteria or align to this policy will be presented to Council for endorsement.
5. Council will invite community comment on requests (subject to initial Council endorsement) for naming or renaming of Council owned and managed reserves, facilities and roads. Public exhibition will comply with Council's Community Engagement Strategy.

6. When naming sportsgrounds and major venues visited by many people from beyond Council's boundaries, preference will be given to locality or geographical names to assist in travelling to, addressing and locating the area e.g. Coogee Oval or Randwick Environment Park. Facilities including buildings and sporting infrastructure on these land areas will also be named according to the location and the purpose or function of the facility e.g. Randwick Community Centre.
7. When naming parks and natural areas, preference will be given to the use of Aboriginal names (e.g. Woomera Reserve, Kooloora Reserve) and the names of indigenous species of plants, birds and animals (e.g. Cong Wong Beach).
8. Aligned with the GNB Place Naming Policy, Council discourages the changing of long-term names as it can lead to address and location confusion, especially for electronic navigation (critical for emergency services). Council will only consider changes in well-established names in exceptional circumstances.
9. Council will provide the relevant signage (as per Council design guidelines) for any locations where a new name or name change has been approved.
10. Council is committed to communicating and informing the community of all approved changes to names. This may include additional signage and community notifications.
11. If a 'named' facility is disposed of and is not being replaced the 'name' of that facility will be retired.

2. Scope and application

This Policy covers the naming of reserves, facilities and roads on land owned and managed by Council. The facilities on such land that can be named include, but are not limited to the buildings, gardens, pools, grandstands, pavilions and sporting infrastructure.

The naming of reserves and roads is governed by State legislation and Council must adhere to the process as defined under the GNB Policy, however the naming of facilities does not require formal GNB approval. Council may approve a name for a Council owned facility that does not meet the GNB criteria by resolution.

This Policy does not cover the naming of land or facilities for purposes of sponsorship, advertising or revenue raising.

3. References and related documents

- Local Government Act 1993
- Geographical Names Act 1966
- Geographical Names Board of NSW Policy, Place Naming
- Roads Act 1993 - Sect 162 Naming of public roads

4. Definitions

Term	Definition
Reserves	In this Policy reserves include parks, sportsgrounds, road verges and other open spaces that are reserved for public use and managed by Council.
Facilities	In this Policy the facilities include any Council owned infrastructure on Council managed land that has been reserved for use by the public. This may include but is not limited to buildings, gardens, pools, grandstands, pavilions, sporting fields and sporting infrastructure such as cricket nets.
Responsible officer	Manager Engineering Services

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Consultation outcomes summary

TO: Shayne Hermansen, PA to Manager Engineering Services
FROM: Amanda Mather, Senior Community Consultation Officer
DATE: 29 January 2026 **FILE:** F2004/06876
SUBJECT: Your Say results for Naming Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy

Background:

Council conducted a six week consultation to gather community feedback on the Draft Naming Randwick's Roads, Reserves and Facilities Policy.

www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/naming-policy

The consultation was open on Your Say Randwick and was promoted via Randwick News, social media, listing on Council's website and email to all Precincts and Your Say Randwick subscribers.

Outcomes:

- Consultation open 10 December 2025 to 28 January 2026
- 759 visits to the Your Say website
- 59 downloads of the draft policy
- 22 submissions

Key themes from the submissions include:

- Support for prioritising Aboriginal names and recognising culture (8 submissions)
- Need to improve gender balance in naming - representation of women (3 submissions)
- Need for a clear, accessible process for naming/renaming requests (3 submissions)
- Preference for descriptive names tied to location, flora/fauna, or function (3 submissions)
- Desire for broader multicultural representation in naming (2 submissions)
- Desire for names that provide educational/historic interpretation (2 submissions)
- Concern about renaming existing places, such as cost or loss of identity (2 submissions)
- Mixed views on naming after individuals, including concerns about merit, suitability, and overuse (8 submissions)



Submissions

	Submission
1	<p>I have three points to make.</p> <p>1) How do residents know when a reserve, road or facility are available for naming or renaming?</p> <p>2) The document should outline how residents can make a request to Council for naming or renaming of a reserve, road or facility.</p> <p>3) The document seems to emphasise honouring individuals for road and reserve names and will give preference to aboriginal names for reserves. Subject to the appropriate consultation, as presented in the GNP policy, will aboriginal names be prioritised for roads (which I would support)?</p>
2	<p>The naming of any facility should respect our values as a community including honesty and respect. Avoiding an adverse ICAC finding does not mean a person holds our values.</p>
3	<p>I generally support the policy, however, I think preference should be given to Indigenous names, particularly if it is known what the Indigenous name was previously. Many of the current names are patently ridiculous, especially those named after London suburbs, completely forgotten royal nonentities or even long passed and forgotten local officials.</p>
4	<p>All new names and renames should reflect the fact that this is Aboriginal Land with Aboriginal history and ongoing Aboriginal life and culture. We should see around us Aboriginal place names, Aboriginal names of fauna and flora, names of Aboriginal cultures artefacts and ceremonies (as appropriate) and names of significant Aboriginal people.</p>
5	<p>Is a good method of remembering or retaining past linkage, association, achievements, has merit.</p>
6	<p>I presume both of the first two bullet points under 1 Principles, Point 2 must be satisfied, i.e. only people dead for over a year can have reserves and roads named after them, if they fulfill point 2. To clarify, could I suggest 'for at least a year, and'.</p> <p>The process for suggesting a name change is unclear. I presume the published document will include a link to instructions, or a form, or a procedure. For instance, the park at the back of Malabar Beach immortalises Oliver Cromwell, the 'Butcher of Drogheda', who oversaw the massacre of thousands of Irish soldiers and civilians in 1649 in Wexford and Drogheda. In addition to reservations about the particular character, subservient and archaic reverence for English politicians long dead seems like an anachronism.</p> <p>Together with many other locals, I've always called it 'Malabar Beach Park' instead, and this strikes me as a pretty reasonable name. How do I go about putting the suggestion to Council?</p>
7	<p>Please stop naming every park bench (and some trees) in parks and at the beach after dead people. If council is that cash strapped set aside an area as a remembrance section. It feels like I am sitting on dead peoples toomstones when you go to sit down. I now have to sit on the grass as a sign of respect. Balmoral beach is the worst but Randwick area is catching up fast. Its awful. Please stop it.</p>
8	<p>I would like to see a better balance of male and female names for places and facilities -- there are hardly any women being recognised for their contributions.</p>

Submission	
9	<p>The proposed renaming of roads, reserves, and facilities imposes unnecessary costs on ratepayers, (especially in a cost of living crisis). This creates confusion within the community, and disrupts the continuity of place identity across generations. (Gen X and Gen Z calling the same location two different names is creating a problem, not fixing one).</p> <p>Existing names hold historical and cultural significance that fosters community connection, and altering them offers no clear benefit to residents. I strongly urge the Council to retain the current names and avoid implementing this policy.</p> <p>As a resident in the local council area I do not support this proposal.</p>
10	<p>I believe the naming policy should be open to all people in our community not just those who have served on Council. Many other great contributors including sportsmen, significant charity contributors or business people who have contributed to the community.</p> <p>I also believe natural reserves etc should not be just be aligned to our indiginous heritage. These areas should also be open to recognising the mant other great cultures which have contributed to this great country</p>
11	<p>I don't support naming any roads, reserves and facilities after individuals or groups/organisations/companies etc. These names are meaningless to the majority of the population and don't contribute to learning about places and/or history.</p> <p>I would prefer to see unique Indigenous and other historic names of places, plants that used to grow there and could be planted again, Indigenous activities that used to occur there etc together with educational plaques explaining the origin of the name/s. In time, this could be developed into a mapped historic walking tour of interest to locals as well as national and international visitors.</p>
12	<p>People who have were paid to provide public service must not have anything named after them. Those people were supposed to provide excellent service as part of their paid job.</p>
13	<p>Good except preference should always be given to reflecting actual location rather than using names. This makes finding them much easier.</p>
14	<p>I do not think merely serving several terms as councillor should merit such recognition. With all due respect, that all too often signifies party factional preferment. There may be an exception where a local identity or champion also happened to have served on the council might be so honoured, but even then it is their non-council achievement or status thanks being recognised. Serving terms is not of itself indicative of anything (other than a thick skin ... and possibly a head built on similar lines).</p>
15	<p>I think place names should remain the same for existing parks, streets etc. It is difficult enough keeping up with changes and it honours the past.</p> <p>If a new place is being built, rebuilt or provided, then of course it is appropriate for the council to honour someone significant who is either responsible for the new development or who has major ties with the development.</p>
16	<p>Generally good policy. Could we also add a preference to name reserves etc after significant early colonial residents of the area, both indigenous and non-indigenous?</p>



Submission	
	Also, indigenous naming should reflect local (gadigal/bijigal) language, not general names (e.g. Woomera).
17	<p>If for parks and natural areas, preference is given to Aboriginal names, please rename Cromwell park which is very insulting to those of Irish heritage (5000 Irish died in his storming of Drogheda and Wexford leading to the most ruthless process of ethnic cleansing that there has ever been in western European history - see https://www.olivercromwell.org/wordpress/ireland/ for a quick summary).</p> <p>Pioneer park is also insulting to local Aboriginal people and should be renamed to something more appropriate</p>
18	<p>While there are good examples of Indigenous naming, otherwise almost the whole of the city reflects only its Anglo-Australian history- with a minor recognition of the French history and presence. Despite being a very multicultural community, there is minimal reflection of this diversity. The waves of refugees and migrants from non-European backgrounds, and indeed those from non-British or north western European roots, are almost totally without representation. The Council should commit to ensuring that service to cultural communities is also recognised, and that invitations to the diversity of our community to participate are properly spread amongst these many groups. This would also include communities identifying on the basis of faith, such as Jewish, Muslim, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Sikh and so forth. The Cultural Diversity advisory committee should be asked to participate in this process and advise on appropriate namings as these emerge. It is also important that due diligence occurs so that names of people who have been involved in actions with negative outcomes for First Nations people are not permitted to go forward. Within these frameworks, attention should be paid to ensuring gender balances are pursued. Additional relevant documents should include the Anti-Discrimination Act, and the Multicultural NSW Act, especially the Principles listed therein.</p>
19	I don't think we need every park and reserved renamed to aboriginal names. Be more creative than that
20	A significant proportion of Randwick Council roads, reserves and facilities are named after men who have sporting accolades. It would be great if this policy can look at restoring gender balance with how these things are named, and looking beyond sporting achievements to include the arts and academia. The policy should also aim to consider the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultural significance of local locations/facilities etc.
21	<p>One thing I have always liked about European and Latin American countries is that they commonly name roads and other assets after people who have contributed a lot in the arts especially but can also be sport or other things. Two examples are Sala Joaquin Turina in Seville and Rua Vinicius de Moraes in Rio de Janeiro. Aside from enabling people to remember people who have contributed significantly, these names also encourage others to google them and learn something they didn't know. The Des Renford Leisure Centre is a good existing example - he'd be well on the way to being totally forgotten if not for this centre.</p> <p>I'll leave examples to you guys. Some possibilities from a mix of backgrounds couple be Bob Carr (both premier and foreign minister), Guy Sebastian, Elena Kats Chernin and Ken Catchpole.</p>



	Submission
22	<p>I really just want to make a point that at the moment almost all the roads, reserves and facilities in Randwick Council (and probably in every council in Australia) are named after men. This sends a poor message to all children about equity.</p> <p>Do roads, reserves and facilities even need to be named in acknowledgement of individuals? Maybe they should be given names that relate to their purpose or location, indigenous names, or names that are just attractive and likeable...</p> <p>From the point of view of a woman with two daughters, the current inequity needs to be actively addressed.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to consider my comments.</p>

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Director City Services Report No. CS23/26

Subject: Shared E-bike Designated Parking Treatments

Executive Summary

- Council is undertaking a coordinated approach to shared e-bike parking that follows earlier resolutions by introducing clearly defined, consistent and enforceable designated parking across the LGA, informed by urban design standards and community expectations.
- The report proposes the use of prefabricated “bookend” concrete planters in high-demand and high-visibility locations to physically define and protect shared e-bike parking spaces, improve compliance, protect private property and vehicles, and contribute positively to the public domain through integrated planting.
- A standardised on-ground stencil is recommended as a flexible and cost-effective treatment that can be rapidly deployed across approved locations, reinforcing geofenced parking requirements and providing a consistent visual identity for shared e-bike parking.
- A tiered and staged implementation model is proposed, combining stencil-only treatments, new hardstand where required, and higher-cost planter installations where additional protection and definition are necessary, aligned with demand, site constraints and budget considerations.
- Final shared e-bike parking locations will be confirmed following the current community consultation process, using data-informed site selection criteria, with an update to Council provided prior to the commencement of works.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Endorse the design and associated resourcing for prefabricated “bookend” concrete planters to be installed at designated shared e-bike parking locations.
- b) Endorse the design of a designated shared e-bike parking stencil to allow for immediate implementation across approved locations.
- c) Note that final locations of designated shared e-bike parking will be confirmed following completion of community consultation, with an update to be provided to Council prior to commencement of works.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At the ordinary meeting on 24 February 2026, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Martin/Asgari)

- h) that consideration is given to, where feasible, aesthetically minded physical infrastructure, including barriers to prevent tipping, piling or knocking of bikes, that positively contributes to streetscape quality and reflects the character of the surrounding public domain, consistent with Council's urban design standards;*

The purpose of this report is to follow on from Council's consideration of shared e-bike management by seeking endorsement of design treatments and resourcing for designated shared e-bike parking infrastructure, and to provide an update on the process for confirming final locations following community consultation.

Outstanding action items included in Council Resolution CS4/26 will be addressed in a future report to Council following further project development and refinement.

Discussion

a. Prefabricated “bookend” concrete planters

The introduction of prefabricated “bookend” concrete planters is proposed to define and protect designated shared e-bike parking locations in high-demand areas. In addition to clearly delineating parking zones and supporting improved compliance, the bookend configuration provides a physical buffer that helps protect adjacent private property, including parked vehicles, from bikes falling or being improperly stored.

Equally, the planters also protect parked e-bikes from damage caused by passing vehicles, including cars and service vehicles. The prefabricated approach allows for efficient and repeatable installation across multiple sites, supporting ease of rollout and minimising construction impacts. Concrete has been selected as the preferred material due to its durability, longevity and resistance to damage when compared to alternative materials. The treatment also contributes positively to the public domain through integrated planting, supporting placemaking outcomes and improving wayfinding by clearly identifying designated parking areas.



Figure 1: Digital rendering of the proposed shared e-bike designated parking treatment at Coogee Bay Road, Coogee. Graphic featured as an imprint on the planter box is Shane Youngberry's artwork for Randwick City Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

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It is noted that there are upfront costs associated with the development of planter moulds, followed by capital costs for installation at selected locations. Where implemented, the combined treatment of stencil and concrete planters is estimated at approximately \$13,000 per parking space, inclusive of two planters, soil, planting, stencil and installation. A staged implementation is proposed, with initial rollout in highly visible locations to test effectiveness prior to broader expansion. Ongoing maintenance costs associated with planted infrastructure, including horticultural upkeep and asset management, will also need to be accommodated within existing operational budgets. Alternative lower-cost options were considered; however, these do not provide the same level of physical protection, durability or behavioural reinforcement.



Figure 2: Digital rendering of the proposed shared e-bike designated parking treatment at Neptune Street, Coogee

b. Designated shared e-bike parking stencil

The rollout of a standardised stencil for designated shared e-bike parking provides an immediate, flexible and cost-effective mechanism to support implementation across the LGA. The stencil establishes a clear and consistent visual identity for shared e-bike parking, reinforcing geofenced parking requirements and improving user understanding. Stencils will be applied at all designated locations, including those with concrete bookend planters, ensuring a consistent network-wide approach.

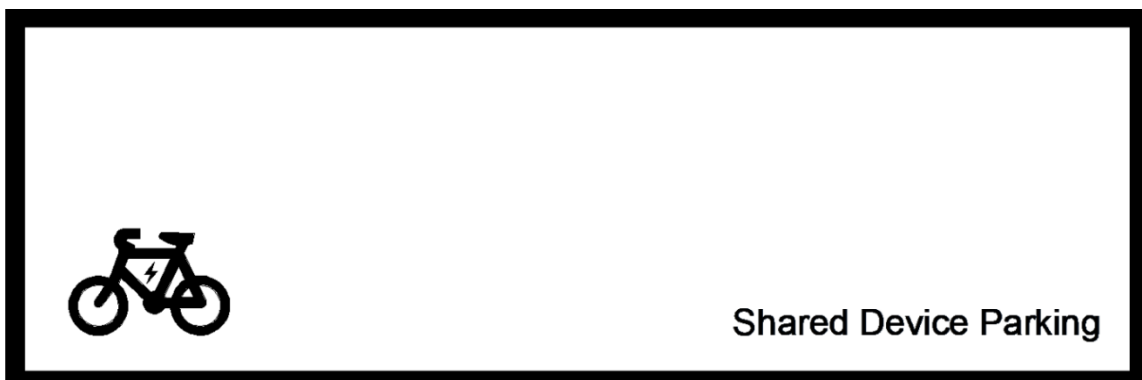


Figure 3: Concept design for designated shared e-bike parking stencil

The stencil-only treatment can be rapidly deployed on existing hardstand surfaces (such as roads or footpaths) at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,400 per parking space, representing the most efficient and scalable delivery option. Where new hardstand is required (such as concrete pads at park or reserve entries), the combined treatment of new surface and stencil is estimated at approximately \$3,000 per parking space. This tiered approach enables Council to respond to different site conditions while maintaining a consistent visual outcome. Compared to standalone signage or temporary treatments, the stencil provides a clear on-ground cue that integrates effectively with the streetscape and supports immediate behaviour change.

c. Confirmation of final locations following consultation

The confirmation of final shared e-bike parking locations will be informed by the current community consultation process, which seeks to balance convenience for riders with the need to maintain safe, accessible and uncluttered public spaces. Background information, including the rationale for designated parking locations and the approach to site selection, is outlined in the consultation material. Locations have been identified based on data-informed criteria, including usage patterns, parking demand hotspots, proximity to key destinations and known areas of conflict.

The consultation process provides an opportunity to validate proposed locations, identify localised issues and refine outcomes prior to implementation. A staged approach to confirming locations and selecting appropriate treatment types (stencil-only, new hardstand, or planter-supported locations) will allow Council to align infrastructure investment with demand, site constraints and budget considerations. Higher-cost treatments, including concrete planter installations, will be prioritised in high-visibility and high-demand locations where additional physical definition and protection is required. Final locations will be confirmed by the Sustainable Transport and Open Spaces team following consideration of consultation outcomes and operational requirements, with an update to be provided to Council prior to the commencement of works.

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 city with a transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people
Objective	Increase the active transport mode share to 35% by 2031, from a 2018-19 baseline of 26%.
Delivery program commitment	Provide 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2025.
Objective	Reduce the proportion of private vehicle trips from the 2018-19 baseline of 58% to 45% by 2031.
Delivery program commitment	Continue to implement the program of transport upgrades to improve accessibility and amenity at public transport stops such as lighting, shelter, and wayfinding signage, to improve overall customer experience of public transport by 2029.
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	Manage the operation, provision, projects and issues of facilities and services for all modes of transport to achieve safe, efficient, comfortable, convenient, economical and enviro-friendly movement of people and goods and to attain behavioural change.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
<p>Reputation/Image (Objective: Council's elected members, committee members, employees, volunteers and contractors are expected to always uphold the values within Council's Code of Conduct, while employing ethical decision-making and a customer-centric approach when communicating with customers and the community. Council makes every effort to develop strong positive relationships with community members and other stakeholders)</p>	<p>To mitigate reputational risk, Council will ensure that all communication and implementation of shared e-bike parking treatments is clear, transparent and responsive to community concerns. This includes undertaking meaningful community consultation to inform location selection, clearly explaining the rationale for designated parking treatments, and providing visual information to support understanding of proposed outcomes.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement will continue throughout the rollout, with feedback incorporated into the staged implementation approach to ensure outcomes reflect local needs and minimise impacts. Communication materials will be consistent with Council's Code of Conduct, supporting respectful, ethical and customer-focused engagement with the community and stakeholders.</p> <p>The staged delivery model, including initial rollout in priority locations and monitoring of outcomes, will enable Council to respond proactively to issues, refine treatments as required and demonstrate a balanced approach that prioritises safety, accessibility and amenity across the public domain.</p>

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Resourcing Strategy implications

Funding is provided for within the current budget; under the 'Traffic Committee Works' allocation in both the current and future 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget.

External funding sources will be sought through State and Federal Grant applications to deliver the parking spaces and support the Council's budget allocation.

Policy and legislative requirements

NSW State Government

The approach to shared e-bike parking and the establishment of Designated Bike Parking (DBP) areas is informed by, and being prepared in anticipation of, forthcoming State Government regulatory changes, including:

- Road Transport and Other Legislation Amendment (Micromobility Vehicles and Smartcards) Act 2025
- NSW E-Micromobility Action Plan (October 2024)

Provides State-level direction on the safe integration of e-bikes and other micromobility devices into the transport network, including managing parking impacts, safety risks and public amenity.

- NSW Parliament Inquiry into the Use of E-Scooters, E-Bikes and Related Mobility Options (Final Report No. 25, May 2025) and NSW Government Response.

Randwick City Council (Local Policy and Operational Framework)

At the local level, the program aligns with Council's adopted strategies, policies and resolutions, including:

- Council resolutions relating to shared e-bikes and micromobility, including NM98/24, CS7/25, and CS4/26, which direct officers to improve safety, manage parking impacts, work with operators, investigate parking and geofencing arrangements, and report back as State Government reforms progress.
- Randwick City Council Integrated Transport and Sustainable Transport objectives, which support the use of shared micromobility as part of a broader sustainable transport network while managing impacts on safety, accessibility and amenity.
- Public Domain, footpath and road safety principles, including maintaining pedestrian accessibility, clear sightlines, safe intersection operation, and unobstructed access for people with disability, emergency services and maintenance vehicles.
- Open Space and public land management practices, ensuring DBP locations in parks, reserves and verge areas avoid environmental impacts, protect landscape assets and maintain functionality for events, maintenance and community use.
- Cross-council coordination and governance arrangements, including the internal Micromobility Working Group and collaboration with neighbouring councils to ensure consistency of approach across local government boundaries.

Conclusion

This report progresses Council's previous consideration of shared e-bike management (CS4/26) by presenting a coordinated and practical approach to establishing clearly defined, consistent and enforceable shared e-bike parking across the Randwick LGA. The proposed combination of stencil treatments and targeted installation of prefabricated concrete bookend planters provides a scalable, tiered solution that responds to varying site conditions, user behaviour and demand.

The approach balances cost efficiency with targeted investment in higher-impact locations, while also delivering broader public domain benefits, including improved safety, reduced clutter, protection of private property and enhanced place-based outcomes. The inclusion of clear cost estimates, staged implementation and consideration of ongoing maintenance ensures that the proposed program is both deliverable and responsive to operational requirements.

Subject to Council endorsement, implementation will proceed in a staged manner, informed by the outcomes of current community consultation, with final locations to be confirmed with Council prior to the commencement of works.

Responsible officer: Ross Mills, Coordinator Sustainable Transport & Open Spaces

File Reference: F2016/00303

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC8/26

Subject: Investigation into temporary location for a Men's Shed in Randwick

Executive Summary

- The Waverley Community Men's Shed is required to permanently relocate from its existing premises in February or March 2027 and requires temporary access to a facility. Randwick City Council will look for an opportunity to construct a permanent site for a Men's Shed at the former SES building on Botany Road, however this will not be completed prior to the required vacation date.
- At its Ordinary Council Meeting in March 2026, Council Resolved (Asgari/Martin) to investigate four (4) potential temporary sites across the Randwick LGA, including Inglis Stables, the Randwick Literary Institute, the Randwick Community Centre car park, and Popplewell Park, for the purpose of a Men's Shed occupied by the Waverley Community Men's Shed.
- None were found to meet planning controls or the operational requirements of the Waverley Community Men's Shed.

Recommendation

That Council note the outcome of investigation into the allocation of a temporary asset for the purpose of a Men's Shed occupied by the Waverley Community Men's Shed.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24/03/2026, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Asgari/Martin) that Council:

- a) notes that the Waverley Community Men's Shed (WCMS), currently located in the grounds of the War Memorial Hospital, will need to vacate that location in 18 months, due to major redevelopments works at that site;
- b) notes the WCMS Board have sought temporary premises in both Waverley and Woollahra LGAs but without any success;
- c) notes an undertaking by Randwick City Council to attempt to incorporate a permanent Men's Shed in the future adjacent to the new SES building in Botany Road;
- d) notes the urgent need for WCMS to find a temporary location to house the Shed until a permanent location is available;
- e) notes that WCMS has changed its constitution to include women members and notes their willingness to change the name of the Shed to reflect its new location;
- f) receives a report reviewing the various possible temporary locations for a Men's Shed in Randwick Local Government Area, that would meet the size, suitability, logistical and timetable requirements of the WCMS, and consults with the relevant Government and statutory bodies and the management of WCMS, and provides a recommendation as to the best project approach. These options would include, but not limited to:
 - i. former Inglis Stables site.
 - ii. Randwick Literary Institute.
 - iii. Randwick Community Centre Car Park area (south Munda St).
 - iv. Popplewell Park (the disused tennis courts); and
- g) receives this Report at the May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, taking into account the lead time it will take to organise and move the Men's Shed into a new temporary location.

This report responds to item f) and g) of the resolution.

Discussion

The Waverley Community Men's Shed is located on the grounds of the Uniting War Memorial Hospital, at Birrell Street, Waverley. Scheduled works to the site will require the Men's Shed to permanently relocate in February or March 2027. The group currently has up to 80 members.

Randwick City Council is looking for an opportunity to construct a permanent site for a Men's Shed, adjacent to the planned future SES building on Botany Road, Randwick. The timeframe for these works is currently not known but anticipated beyond March 2027.

Following investigations with Waverley Council and Woollahra Municipal Council, the Waverley Community Men's Shed has not secured a temporary site to operate while the Botany Road site is constructed. Randwick City Council notes the time-critical need for the Waverley Community Men's Shed to secure a temporary site.

Site Requirements

Consultation with the Waverley Community Men's Shed indicates the requirements for the temporary site would be:

- Sole occupancy
- Ideally 400m², and not less than 200m²
- Connected to amenity including water, single-phase power
- Able to accommodate 60-80 members
- Ground-level or ramp access

- Have a floorplan amenable for Men’s Shed activity
- Be available from February or March 2027

The Waverley Community Men’s Shed group own their own equipment, including dust extractors.

Site Investigations

In response to the Resolution (Asgari / Martin) of March 2026, Council Officers have investigated the four sites proposed by the Men’s Shed, listed in the table below.

#	Site	Address
1	Inglis Stables	Young Street, Randwick
2	Randwick Literary Institute	Clovelly Road, Randwick
3	Randwick Community Centre carpark	Munda Street, Randwick
4	Popplewell Park	Gregory Street, South Coogee

Table 1: Sites investigated

1. Inglis Stables

The heritage building was built in 1880 and does not satisfy fire safety compliance standards for the purpose of operating as a Men’s Shed. A minimum of \$1m would be required to bring this asset to basic safety standard, and would require ongoing maintenance and remediation budget. Options for the future use of the site are not yet determined by Council and may not be advanced before the February or March 2027 timeframe presented by the Men’s Shed. The options for this site would require community consultation and may not suit sole occupancy.

2. Randwick Literary Institute

The venue has a number of regular hirers including community groups (Randwick Arts Society, martial arts and various children’s dance groups) and cannot satisfy the Men’s Shed’s request for sole occupancy. Additionally, the venue does not satisfy the minimum size or operational floorplan requirements to function as a Men’s Shed.

3. Randwick Community Centre Carpark

The Randwick Community Centre site operates as a mixed-use community hub, supporting a range of community, recreational, educational and venue-hire activities, and accommodates a number of not-for-profit organisations including WIRES, SOS Pre-school and Annabel House in its vicinity. The on-site car park is a critical piece of infrastructure, utilised by staff and community members accessing childcare and playgroups, environmental and sustainability programs, community gardening, disability services, volunteer opportunities, and visitors to the Randwick Environmental Park for recreation and exercise. The installation of a 400m² temporary building at this location would result in the loss of car parking capacity and is likely to displace existing user groups, reducing equitable access to the site and impacting the functionality of established services and programs. A reduction in parking capacity at a high-use, inclusive community site would be inconsistent with Council’s commitment to improving access to community amenity, services and facilities for people with access and mobility requirements.

4. Popplewell Park

The site has a disused tennis hardcourt adjacent to Totem Hall. Investigation into the planning controls for the installation of a demountable structure on the hardcourt was for the purpose of a Men’s Shed being not permissible. The controls include:

- The land is subject to a claim under the Native Title Act 1993, which introduces additional legal considerations regarding land use and tenure.
- The site is Crown Land and zoned for Public Recreation as a ‘park’. Under Council’s Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management, a Men’s Shed is not considered within the land use controls. To deviate from the Plan of Management, Council would be required to obtain Ministerial consent to enter a license agreement for alternative land use.
- Advice from the Department of Planning, Industry and Housing indicates a Men’s Shed is not considered permissible on land dedicated for Public Recreation and could not be validated under the Native Title Act 1993 without first demonstrating that the park is no

longer required for the future recreation use of the broader community. This justification has not been established, and a review of the land zoning is not supported.

- The Development Control Plan (DCP) and Local Environmental Plan (LEP) indicate a demountable building is not permissible at this site. The site is located within an entrapped basin and is subject to flooding, making it unsuitable for additional structures. Additionally, a Men’s Shed is not considered compatible with the site’s scenic and ecological values. As the proposal is classified as a community facility, the appropriate approval pathway is through a Development Application, and under the relevant planning controls, Council would be required to demonstrate that the park is (a) no longer needed for future recreational use by the broader community, and (b) that the establishment of a building for a membership-based group would not unreasonably limit public access. This supporting information has not been provided.

To resolve these planning constraints, significant time investment by Council and community are required, and not likely to be resolved before the February or March 2027 timeframe presented by the Men’s Shed.

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 city with open space that grows and changes with the community
Objective	Every home in Randwick City will have open space of 1000m2 within 800m.
Delivery program commitment	Identify and action opportunities for acquisition, repurposing or redevelopment of land for public open space or recreation.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
That Council cannot meet the requirements of the Waverley Community Men’s Shed with the dedication a Council-owned asset	Council will continue to support the Waverley Community Men’s Shed to engage local community organisations, including Churches, and other government departments for access to premise or land

Resourcing Strategy implications

Nil.

Policy and legislative requirements

Nil.

Conclusion

The Waverley Community Men’s Shed are required to permanently vacate their existing premises at the Uniting War Memorial Hospital in February or March 2027. Long-term, Randwick City Council have committed to constructing a Men’s Shed at the former SES building on Botany Road, however this will be delivered after the vacation date. In response to the Council Resolution (Asgari/Martin) of March 2026, Council Officers investigated four (4) possible sites in the

Randwick Local Government Area that would meet the size, suitability, logistical and occupancy requirements presented by the Waverley Community Men's Shed. The sites were investigated, including the Inglis Stables, the Randwick Literary Institute, the Randwick Community Centre carpark, and Popplewell Park. The investigation was unsuccessful as unable to satisfy planning controls or the requirements presented by the Waverley Community Men's Shed.

Council Officers will continue to support the Waverley Community Men's Shed to engage local community organisations and other government departments, for access or premises or land.

Responsible officer: Trina Soulos, Manager Community Development
Previous Items: NM20/26 - Notice of Motion from Cr Asgari - Temporary Location for a Men's Shed in Randwick - Ordinary Council - 24 Mar 2026 7pm
File Reference: F2013/00161

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC9/26

Subject: Draft La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan and updated Collection Policy

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a Council Resolution (Luxford/Veitch) to endorse the vision for the La Perouse Museum and Headland to become a First Nations Cultural Precinct, and to proceed to a formal planning process in partnership with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- A key element in planning for the future of the La Perouse Museum is the development of a strategic plan. The proposed La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026 – 2029 (attached) was developed as part of the Museum's successful multi-year funding application to CreateNSW, and sets the long-term vision, priorities, and operational direction for the Museum.
- The Strategic Plan also outlines a four-year governance and planning framework towards its transition to a First Nations Cultural Precinct following Council endorsement and Resolution. This includes establishing a governance framework, fundraising strategy, architectural brief, consultation strategy and strategic framework for the Museum's proposed redevelopment.
- The current La Perouse Museum Collection Policy has also been updated with minor changes, providing the Museum with an ongoing framework for the acquisition, management, conservation, and interpretation of the Museum's collection in line with sector best practice and the future direction of the Museum.
- Both documents strengthen governance, align Museum operations with the above Resolution, Council's strategic objectives, and support improved cultural, community and visitor outcomes.
- This Report seeks the endorsement of Council for the adoption of the Collection Policy, and seeking endorsement for the Draft La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan to go on public exhibition.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the Draft La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026–2029 to go on public exhibition;
- b) notes that the final La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan will come back to Council following public exhibition, incorporating feedback received during the public exhibition period; and
- c) endorse the updated La Perouse Museum Collection Policy 2025–2030.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) La Perouse Museum Collection Policy
2. [LINK TO VIEW](#) Draft La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026 - 2029

Purpose

At the Ordinary Meeting on the 29 April 2025, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Veitch) That Council:

endorses the vision for the La Perouse Museum and Headland to become a First Nations Cultural Precinct (attachment 1 to this report) to proceed to a formal planning process in partnership with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Purpose of this Report is to seek Council endorsement of the La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026 – 2029 and the updated La Perouse Museum Collection Policy, which together provide the strategic and operational framework for the Museum's future direction towards a flagship cultural institution, and a leading First Nations Cultural Precinct.

Discussion

La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026 -2029

The La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026 – 2029 establishes a clear vision for the Museum as a place of connection, discovery and cultural exchange. It reinforces the Museum's role as a key cultural asset in the Randwick Local Government Area and outlines priorities across five operational areas including, Exhibitions, Collections, Public Programs, Education and First Nations Engagement.

Prior to the development of the proposed and attached Strategic Plan, the Museum's governance and operations were guided by various key documents, including the La Perouse Museum Business Plan 2017–2027, Randwick City Council's Arts and Culture Strategy, the Management Agreement with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, and relevant annual operational plans.

The development of a dedicated Strategic Plan consolidates this approach into a single, cohesive document aligned with sector practice.

Further, as part of recent reforms to CreateNSW funding all cultural organisations applying for multi-year funding, including the La Perouse Museum, were asked to submit a Strategic Plan using a provided template as replicated in the attached document.

La Perouse Museum was successful in obtaining 2-year funding of \$100,000 per year for the 2026 and 2027 calendar years. The Museum will be required to re-apply for funding in 2028, however will be able to use the same strategic plan.

A central component of the Strategic Plan is the Museum's development towards becoming a First Nations Cultural Precinct, including strengthening partnerships with the La Perouse Aboriginal Community and the development of a new governance and operational model for the institution. The Plan also identifies key performance indicators including the delivery of exhibitions that reflect the histories of La Perouse, public programs and collection growth, ensuring measurable outcomes over the four-year period.

The previous reports, policies and master planning efforts that have informed the Strategic Plan include, but are not limited to:

- Council's Community Strategic Plan (2022 - 2032)
- Arts and Culture Strategy (2022 – 2032)
- TKD Heritage Architects Pre-Feasibility Report La Perouse Museum
- The Betteridge Curatorial Review & Upgrade Framework (endorsed by Council 23 March 2021)
- The Balarinji Aboriginal Community Consultative Reports,
- City People 10-Year Business Plan (endorsed by Council 29 September 2021)

The Plan also outlines a renewed vision and mission for the institution, that better reflects its development and community purpose:

Vision: We are a site where history is active. We build community by connecting with Country and sharing a diversity of perspectives. We are a hub where the unique histories of this area converge to inspire social and cultural action.

Mission: We are an anchor institution in Community. Through headland-wide programming, we advocate for Country and Culture by facilitating dialogue that is open and authentic. We strive to inform and engage a national and international audience.

La Perouse Museum Collections Policy (Updated)

The La Perouse Museum Collection Policy (2020 – 2025) was developed on sector best practice and the National Standards for Australian Museum and Galleries, providing a robust and now proven framework for the ethical management of the LPM collections. The Policy outlines the purpose of the Museum including the Five Curatorial Themes and was endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 13th October 2020 (Shurey/Andrews).

The updated La Perouse Museum Collections Policy 2025 - 2030 (attached) ensures continuing compliance with current museum standards and ethical guidelines, including the management of cultural material across acquisitions, conservation, loans, deaccessioning and disposal. The updated Policy includes clear procedures for acquisition, deaccession, and documentation, and updates various sections of the 2020 Policy as listed below.

The Five Themes of the La Perouse Museum

As endorsed by Randwick Council and following community consultation, the Five Themes of the La Perouse Museum continue as the thematic foundation for all Museum collecting, program and education outcomes.

The Five Themes as embedded in the 2020-2025, and 2025-2030 Collection Policies, are:

- The Traditional Custodians and the Aboriginal Community of La Perouse
- The French connection from Lapérouse (with sub-themes of Colonialism and First Contact)
- Science and Communication (including the story of the Cable Station)
- Environment
- The broader Social History of La Perouse and the connection to the history of Randwick as a wider relevant community

Whilst First Nations programming and collections development remain a central focus, other themes including the French connection - from the time of Lapérouse’s expedition and last sighting in 1788 onwards and the importance of the La Perouse area to the French community today, the environment, communications and social history will continue to inform programming and future displays and exhibitions.

La Perouse Museum Collection Policy amendments:

Change required	Change to
Item 2: The Museum’s Vision and Mission	Update to renewed vision and mission listed as above
Item 3: NPWS Management Agreement	Update language to separate State Collections from Council sub-collections to make reporting requires accurate as per the Management Agreement
Item 4: Historical Context	Update language to reflect current position titles and new advisory structure

Change required	Change to
Item 5: History and Significance of the Collection	Update traditional language and correct uses of Gamay/Kamay. Update collections holdings data
Item 11: Acquisitions Policy	Update language to reflect current position titles and new advisory structure
Item 18: Disposals Policy	Update language to separate State Collections from Council sub-collections

The updated Policy better reinforces the dual structure of the Collection (State and Council sub-collections) and clarifies RCC’s obligations under the Management Agreement with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

In keeping with sector best practice, the Museum’s current operations and Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan, the Policy embeds principles of cultural sensitivity and consultation, particularly in relation to First Nations cultural material and engagement with the La Perouse Aboriginal Community.

Together, these documents ensure that the Museum operates within a robust governance framework, supports Council’s broader cultural and strategic objectives, and is well-positioned to respond to future opportunities, including capital development, increased visitation and enhanced cultural programming.

These documents were introduced to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust at their meeting on 17th February 2026. Following discussion the Strategic Plan and Collections Policy were circulated to Trust members for information and feedback, and the documents have since been endorsed by the Trust.

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	Transform La Perouse Museum into a First Nations Cultural Precinct by 2032.
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	Increase visitation of La Perouse Museum through a diverse set of programming and exhibitions by 2032.
Delivery program commitment	Establish award-winning programs and activities to build arts and culture in the local area.
Delivery program commitment	Diversify Council's program of cultural activities and events to allow broad coverage across the local area from 2025.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
Lack of community input or feedback on proposed suite of strategic and operational documents for the Museum	All Policies and Plans included in this Report have been informed by existing endorsed documentation, and/or have been made publicly accessible. Documents were circulated to the La Perouse Museum and Headland Trust for feedback and review and have been reviewed by Council’s senior executive team.
Operational focus towards a Museum within a First Nations Cultural Precinct is not fully supported by community and/or stakeholders	Adoption of Strategic Plan and revised Policy which embed First Nations focus in planning and vision, whilst delivering wider scope of exhibitions, programming and education focus reflecting histories of area.
Misalignment with Council and CreateNSW Funding Requirements	Documents have been cross-checked against the Arts & Culture Strategy and renewed Federal Cultural Strategy to ensure alignment with sector standards.
Reputational Risk due to inconsistencies between operations and vision to be a First Nations Cultural Precinct	Adoption of Strategic Plan and revised Policy which embed First Nations focus in planning and vision.

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Resourcing Strategy implications

No costs are associated with the implementation of this suite of documents.

Endorsing the proposed Strategic Plan will greatly increase likelihood of re-securing CreateNSW funding into the future (2028 and beyond), assisting the Museum with core exhibition and programming costs and continuing to diversify the Museum’s income streams.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Arts and Culture Strategy
- National Cultural Policy Revive (2023)
- NSW Heritage Act (1977)
- Aboriginal Affairs NSW Aboriginal Cultural and Intellectual Property Protocol (2019)
- Creative Australia Protocols for using First Nations Cultural and Intellectual Property in the Arts (2019).
- Copyright Act 1968.

Conclusion

The La Perouse Museum Strategic Plan 2026–2029 and the updated Collection Policy provide an integrated framework to guide the Museum’s future direction, governance and operations.

Their adoption will ensure the Museum continues to meet professional standards, strengthen community engagement, and support Council’s strategic vision for culture, heritage and place-making, including the transition toward a First Nations Cultural Precinct.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2017/00418

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC10/26

Subject: Community Halls and Venues: New Fees and Charges and update on facility improvements

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a Notice of Motion from Cr Philipa Veitch that was resolved by council (Veitch/Willington) on 17 June 2025 to endorse the Community Halls Service Review and all Review recommendations including a review and introduction of new user types and fees and charges, and further to investigate an off-peak hire fee rate, an audit of AV infrastructure, and to explore creative fit-out for the Randwick Town Hall as part of future budget and fees and charges reviews.
- In June 2025 a Service Review of Community Halls Management was completed. As part of this review a number of improvement opportunities were identified, including short-term and long-term strategic opportunities.
- Of the Review's short-term opportunities identified, this Report addresses the requirement to review the current Fees and Charges and User Types, with regards to Community Halls and Venues hire to provide a more streamlined framework.
- The current 2025-26 Fees and Charges have a number of categories which are potentially confusing and do not correlate with like for like fees for similar venues across the LGA. The main focus of this Report is a review of the current Fees and Charges across the 18 Community Halls identified in the Community Halls Service Review.
- This Report proposes a new streamlined structure of four tiers of Community Halls based on capacity, location, fit out and/or unique offerings. The simplified fee structure proposed aligns with this new tiered system and is benchmarked against similar facilities. This Report also addresses a strategy to promote off-peak hours usage and a correlating reduction in fees to encourage greater utilisation, offered for a pilot 12 month period.
- An update for Council is also outlined regarding an audit of AV, connectivity and infrastructure across the portfolio of Community Halls and Venues.
- The Report outlines the draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges and User Types across Council's Community Halls as included in the document that is currently on exhibition.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the proposed Community Halls and Venues fees and charges as per this Report for 2026/27 draft budget and fees and charges;
- b) note the proposed new classification system to simplify the booking and venue management process, improve customer experience and benchmark facility fees;
- c) endorse a 12-month off-peak fee trial between the hours of 12pm – 3pm for all venues excluding Level A venues to further encourage accessible usage and community access;
- d) note that for regular users of the Randwick Literary Institute who may have hire fee increases due to benchmarking, a 33.3% annual adjustment period of incremental hire fee increases over 3 years will be introduced to support hirer transition to the new fees; and
- e) note that following a resolution of Council (CO13/26) at the April 2026 meeting in adopting the draft 2026-27 budget, \$25 000 will be allocated in the 2026-2027 budget to waive fees

for the use of community centres, halls and library meeting rooms for eligible non-commercial local community groups.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

At the Ordinary Meeting on the 17th June 2025, Council resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council endorse

- a) the Community Halls Management Service Review; and
- b) the recommendations as outlined in this report;
- c) the submission of the Review to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee on 17 July 2025, noting that following the meeting of ARIC, should any substantive adjustments to the review be required, a subsequent briefing will be facilitated to Council regarding the changes; and
- d) that Council receive a report on the following items in time to include recommendations in 2026-27 budget
 - *reducing fees to increase utilisation of halls, especially in off-peak hours, commencing in financial year 26-27;*
 - *conduct an audit of AV equipment ensuring at least one hall in each of the five wards is upgraded to include AV equipment (such as a large digital screen) in financial year 26-27;*
 - *invest in cultural use upgrades for Randwick Town Hall in financial years 26-27 and 27-28 (including speakers, screen, a sound and lighting desk for live performance).*

This Report provides Council with background information to respond to the above 2025 Council Resolution item d), by outlining proposed simplified Fees and Charges included in the draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges for Council venues and community halls.

The Report also provides an update on equipment improvements across Council's portfolio of venues and community halls.

Discussion

A comprehensive Service Review of Council's Community Halls, Venues, and Library Meeting Rooms was conducted throughout 2024 and 2025 as part of Randwick Council's annual Service Review program.

The Review produced several short-term and long-term recommendations.

Opportunity 2: Fees and Users included the following key actions:

- **Audit and implement a categorised, tiered system** to simplify the fee structure across all venues, while accommodating bespoke fees for Council-endorsed programs and initiatives.
- **Analyse user types across all venues** and standardise a user definition framework, ensuring consideration of bespoke user groups (e.g., arts and culture) as part of the review.

Fees and Charges: A new tiered system of Venue and Community Halls categories

In response to the above, an internal review of the categorisation and Fees of Charges for Community Halls was undertaken by Council staff responsible for the management of venue and community hall hire and revenue.

The Review was informed by internal and external benchmarking, analysis of each venue in terms of infrastructure, access, spaces available, location and usage, feedback from hirers of the spaces, and the findings of the Service Review.

Following the review, a simplified tiered structure is now proposed to streamline hire fees and charges across all facilities.

These venues and their recommended categories are as follows;

Prince Henry Centre	Level A
Randwick Town Hall	Level A
Kensington Community Centre (Hall 1)	Level B
Kensington Community Centre (Hall 2)	Level B
Scape Lachlan (Innovation Hub)	Level B
Scape Kensington (Kenso Underground)	Level B
Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	Level B
Randwick Community Centre Main Hall	Level B
Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	Level C
Randwick Sustainable Classroom	Level C
Malabar Memorial Hall	Level C
Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	Level C
Burnie Park Community Centre	Level C
Randwick Literary Institute	Level D
Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	Level D
Totem Hall	Level D

Factors such as venue capacity, condition, location, accessibility, inclusions and parking were all taken into consideration and used to scale and classify the above venues.

Correlating Fees and Charges per Classification Level

Aligned with the new tiered classification of venues and hall hires, a new Fees and Charges structure has been developed.

An audit of existing hall hire fees was conducted and grouped within the classification system to determine viable and simplified 2026/27 Fees and Charges. It was apparent that fees had evolved over time, specific to each venue and without comparison with similar facilities. In some cases there were multiple varying fee rates – some historical - within a single venue.

The proposed new Fees and Charges within each Classification represent the approximate median and/or common price band amongst the venues and was further informed by benchmarking other Council venue hire fees. This process included identifying any significant price increases and making necessary adjustments to minimise impact to current hirers booking these spaces.

The objective of the new Fees and Charges are to greatly improve customer experience, simplify venue management processes, and in some cases better position the rates for the specific facility, including the introduction of an off-peak fee for most venues.

Proposed Fees and Charges 2026/2027

The new streamlined Fees and Charges for Council's Community Halls and Venues aligned with the classification system are as follows:

Fees and Charges - Arts and Culture Program

In the draft 2026/27 there are fees that relate to the Town Hall for arts and culture purposes. This is consistent with a Resolution of Council (CC9/23) and these fees relating to creative development, presentation and activation by offering subsidised hire of the Randwick Town Hall. These fees stand alone for this purpose.

Alongside Town Hall, there are two other creative spaces managed by the Arts and Culture team, Barrett House and Blenheim House (expected to be operational end 2026). These two spaces do not operate within the Fees and Charges structure as they're not available for hire. Barrett House operates through a public annual EOI process from which successful artists are granted access to the space and may be eligible for a stipend during their residency. The operational model for Blenheim House may be a similar model to Barrett House, and is under development. Council will be updated on this at a future date.

Classification Level A Venues:

Venue Classification A

The following venues are in the A Classification:

- Prince Henry Centre
- Randwick Town Hall

NOTE: - exclusive hire of Prince Henry Centre, is subject to double the hourly rate listed below.

Name	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 26/27		Increase %	Unit
		Fee (excl. GST)	GST		
Private Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$227.27	\$22.73	\$250.00	Restructured per hour
Private Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$284.09	\$28.41	\$312.50	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$142.05	\$14.20	\$156.25	Restructured per hour

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Classification Level B Venues:

Venue Classification B

The following venues are in the B Classification:

- Kensington Community Centre Hall 1
- Kensington Community Centre Hall 2
- Kenso Underground
- Lachlan Innovation Hub
- Matraville Cultural and Youth Hall
- Randwick Community Centre Main Hall

Name	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 26/27		Increase %	Unit
		Fee (excl. GST)	GST		
Private Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$77.27	\$7.73	\$85.00	Restructured per hour
Private Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$88.64	\$8.86	\$97.50	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$38.64	\$3.86	\$42.50	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$44.32	\$4.43	\$48.75	Restructured per hour

Classification Level C Venues:

Venue Classification C

The following Venues are in the C Classification:

- Coogee East Ward Senior Citizens Centre
- Randwick Community Centre - Meeting Room 3
- Randwick Community Centre - Sustainable Classroom
- Malabar Memorial Hall
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre
- Prince Henry Centre - Boardroom
- Prince Henry Centre - Kitchen

Note: Hire of Prince Henry Centre - Boardroom and Kitchen are subject to labour charges for weekend hire.

Name	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 26/27		Increase %	Unit
		Fee (excl. GST)	GST		
Private Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00	Restructured per hour
Private Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$63.64	\$6.36	\$70.00	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00	Restructured per hour

Classification Level D Venues:

Venue Classification D

The following Venues are in the D Classification:

- Randwick Literary Institute
- Burnie Park Community Centre
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre
- Totem Hall

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Name	Year 25/26 Fee (incl. GST)	Year 26/27		Increase %	Unit
		Fee (excl. GST)	GST		
Private Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$34.55	\$3.45	\$38.00	Restructured per hour
Private Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekday	See Appendix A	\$17.27	\$1.73	\$19.00	Restructured per hour
Not for Profit Hire - Weekend / Public Holidays	See Appendix A	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00	Restructured per hour

Percentage Hire Fee change per Venue and Community Hall:

The new Fees and Charges collate multiple individual hire fees from 2025/2026. For a detailed breakdown of percentage differences between the current Financial Year fees, and the proposed new system please see the following tables.

The percentage differences are in the right-hand column (a negative percentage indicates a reduction in fees for that venue / usage).

Standard - Private Hire Venue & Hall Hire Comparative

^30% off peak rates apply only to all weekday fees and charges across Category B - D venues, between the hours of 12pm - 3pm

	Year 2025/26	Year 2026/27	
	Fee	Fee	Increase %
Venue Classification A	(Incl. GST)	(Incl. GST)	
Weekday Rate:			
- Prince Henry Centre	359.00	250.00	-30.36%
- Randwick Town Hall	428.00	250.00	-41.59%
Weekend Rate:			
- Prince Henry Centre	390.00	312.50	-19.87%
- Randwick Town Hall	428.00	312.50	-26.99%
Venue Classification B			
Weekday Rate:			
- RCC - Main Hall	130.00	85.00	-34.62%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	85.00	85.00	0.00%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	74.00	85.00	14.86%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	72.00	85.00	18.06%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	85.00	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	85.00	0.00%
Weekend Rate:			
- RCC - Main Hall	195.00	97.50	-50.00%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	97.00	97.50	0.52%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	85.00	97.50	14.71%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	82.00	97.50	18.90%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	97.50	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	97.50	0.00%
Venue Classification C			
Weekday Rate:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	60.00	60.00	0.00%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	70.00	60.00	-14.29%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	49.00	60.00	22.45%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	49.00	60.00	22.45%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	62.00	60.00	-3.23%
Weekend Rate:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	72.00	70.00	-2.78%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	105.00	70.00	-33.33%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	60.00	70.00	16.67%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	60.00	70.00	16.67%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	78.00	70.00	-10.26%
Venue Classification D			
Weekday Rate:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	32.50	38.00	16.92%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	36.00	38.00	5.56%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	36.00	38.00	5.56%
- Totem Hall	49.00	38.00	-22.45%
Weekend Rate:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	32.50	44.00	35.38%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	49.00	44.00	-10.20%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	49.00	44.00	-10.20%
- Totem Hall	60.00	44.00	-26.67%

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Standard - Not for Profit Venue & Hall Hire Comparative

^30% off peak rates apply only to all weekday fees and charges across Category B - D venues, between the hours of 12pm - 3pm

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	Year 2025/26 Fee (Incl. GST)	Year 2026/27 Fee (Incl. GST)	Increase %
Venue Classification A			
Weekday Rate:			
- Prince Henry Centre	164.00	125.00	-23.78%
- Randwick Town Hall	214.00	125.00	-41.59%
Weekend Rate:			
- Prince Henry Centre	199.00	156.25	-21.48%
- Randwick Town Hall	262.00	156.25	-40.36%
Venue Classification B			
Weekday Rate:			
- RCC - Main Hall	73.00	42.50	-41.78%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	42.50	42.50	0.00%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	37.00	42.50	14.86%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	36.00	42.50	18.06%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	42.50	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	42.50	0.00%
Weekend Rate:			
- RCC - Main Hall	105.00	48.75	-53.57%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	48.50	48.75	0.52%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	42.50	48.75	14.71%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	41.00	48.75	18.90%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	48.75	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	48.75	0.00%
Venue Classification C			
Weekday Rate:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	30.00	30.00	0.00%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	60.00	30.00	-50.00%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	24.50	30.00	22.45%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	24.50	30.00	22.45%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	36.00	30.00	-16.67%
Weekend Rate:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	37.00	35.00	-5.41%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	90.00	35.00	-61.11%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	30.00	35.00	16.67%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	30.00	35.00	16.67%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	42.00	35.00	-16.67%
Venue Classification D			
Weekday Rate:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	18.00	19.00	5.56%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	18.00	19.00	5.56%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	18.00	19.00	5.56%
- Totem Hall	24.50	19.00	-22.45%
Weekend Rate:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	18.00	22.00	22.22%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	24.50	22.00	-10.20%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	24.50	22.00	-10.20%
- Totem Hall	30.00	22.00	-26.67%

Impact on current regular hirers

Whilst the proposed fees and charges have been comprehensively researched to ensure market and comparative equity, there may be some impact on regular hirers as part of this transition.

Many regular users will experience a reduction in regular fees as an outcome of the new Fees and Charges, However some hirers may experience varying degrees of increase depending on venue.

The Randwick Literary Institute (RLI) had not seen any fee changes in several years with some hirers now paying historic fees significantly below market rate. For several RLI users, there may be a significant annual increase. Council proposes to offer those specific hirers an incremental hire fee increase of 33.3% per annum over the next three financial years as a period of supported adjustment. Many of these hirers are for-profit businesses, with the weekday fee for “Private Hire” changing from \$32.50 per hour to a \$38.00. When benchmarked against comparative venues, these fees remain accessible.

Introduction of Off-Peak Hire Fees and Charges

In response to the outcomes of the Community Halls Management Service Review, and to the Council Resolution, a 30% reduction in hire fees is also proposed to be introduced as a pilot in 2026/2027 for select venues.

The proposed off-peak rate will be applied to Classification Level B to D Venues as the initial pilot and will be implemented between the hours of 12pm to 3pm on weekdays only. The reduced rate will be enacted via the online booking process and impact on fees and charges is detailed below:

Off-Peak - Private Hire Venue & Hall Hire Comparative

^30% off peak rates apply only to all weekday fees and charges across Category B - D venues, between the hours of 12pm - 3pm

Venue Classification B	Year 2025/26	Year 2026/27	Increase %
	Fee (incl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- RCC - Main Hall	130.00	59.50	-54.23%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	85.00	59.50	-30.00%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	74.00	59.50	-19.59%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	72.00	59.50	-17.36%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	59.50	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	59.50	0.00%
Venue Classification C			
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	60.00	42.00	-30.00%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	70.00	42.00	-40.00%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	49.00	42.00	-14.29%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	49.00	42.00	-14.29%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	62.00	42.00	-32.26%
Venue Classification D			
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	32.50	26.60	-18.15%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	36.00	26.60	-26.11%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	36.00	26.60	-26.11%
- Totem Hall	49.00	26.60	-45.71%

Off-Peak - Not for Profit Venue & Hall Hire Comparative

^30% off peak rates apply only to all weekday fees and charges across Category B - D venues, between the hours of 12pm - 3pm

	Year 2025/26	Year 2026/27	
	Fee	Fee	Increase %
Venue Classification B	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	
Venue Classification B			
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- RCC - Main Hall	73.00	29.75	-59.25%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 1	42.50	29.75	-30.00%
- Kensington Park Community Centre – Hall 2	37.00	29.75	-19.59%
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall	36.00	29.75	-17.36%
- Scape Kensington - Kenso Underground	-	29.75	0.00%
- Scape Lachlan - Lachlan Innovation Hub	-	29.75	0.00%
Venue Classification C			
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- Coogee East Senior Citizens Centre	30.00	21.00	-30.00%
- Randwick Community Centre (Sustainable Classroom)	60.00	21.00	-65.00%
- Malabar Memorial Hall	24.50	21.00	-14.29%
- Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre	24.50	21.00	-14.29%
- RCC - Meeting Room 3	36.00	21.00	-41.67%
Venue Classification D			
Weekday Rate - between 12pm and 3pm:			
- Randwick Literary Institute	18.00	13.30	-26.11%
- Burnie Park Community Centre	18.00	13.30	-26.11%
- Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre	18.00	13.30	-26.11%
- Totem Hall	24.50	13.30	-45.71%

The aims of the new Off-Peak Hire Fees are to activate underutilised venues during relatively quiet hire periods, and to further reduce financial barriers for current and new user groups.

Any potential revenue loss caused by the proposed Off-Peak rates 12pm – 3pm weekdays for Classification B to D venues, is likely to be partially offset by an uptake of new users and bookings during that typically quiet timeframe. This will be targeted through a promotion and communications campaign for target groups.

Update on Infrastructure and AV upgrades: Community Halls and Venues 2025/2026 ongoing

In response to the Community Halls Service Review Council Resolution, Council’s IMT and Venues teams have conducted an audit of venues and community halls in order to roll-out AV equipment and infrastructure improvements.

Within the 2025/2026 period, AV improvements including WiFi and in some case display screens and connectivity have been implemented at the Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre, Coogee East Ward Senior Citizens Centre, Burnie Park Community Centre, Totem Hall and Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall.

A major AV upgrade for the Prince Henry Centre is scheduled to be implemented by the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

Planned facility upgrades in 2026/2027 include Malabar Memorial Hall with a major refurbishment and review of AV capacity.

The Randwick Town Hall, now classified as a top tier venue (Classification A) has seen a significant rejuvenation in use and community benefit through the delivery of the Arts and Culture program. “Town Hall Takeover” in 2025 engaged 266 artists and delivered 30 days of free or low-

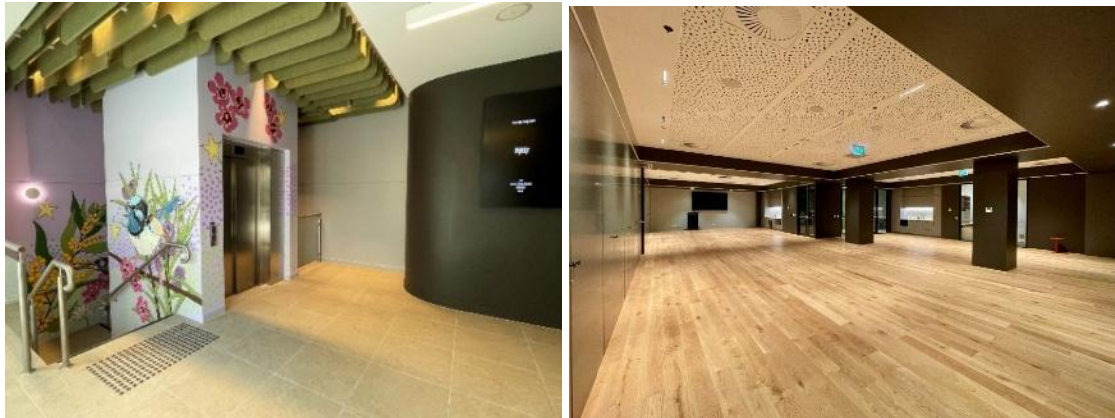
cost public programming, attracting 5,284 attendees and generating over 742 hours of creative activity.

In the short term, modular creative infrastructure has been acquired including portable sound systems, theatrical lighting and new furniture. A more comprehensive approach to lighting, sound management, climate control and AV capacity for creative use will be considered as part of the capital program and future budgets as this will require significant funding and a heritage impact review as the Town Hall is a state-listed building.

New Community Venues: Kenso Underground and Lachlan Innovation Hub

Through Voluntary Planning Agreements between Council and a student accommodation developer, two new and unique community venues have recently been added to Council’s portfolio for community use in 2026/2027.

Kenso Underground is situated inside the Scape Kensington building at 186-188 Anzac Parade, and is designed to be a flexible and inclusive space that will support a range of community, cultural, and commercial access. The main hall situated on the lower ground floor, allows for a variety of uses and has accessible bathroom amenities, office space for up to 2 staff, two kitchenettes, basic in-house Audio Visual capacity with online streaming capabilities and an acoustic operable wall to divide the main hall into two separate spaces for multiple or dual hire purposes.



Directly opposite across Anzac Parade and as part of the Scape Lachlan building, a new purpose-built Innovation Hub has recently been completed through a VPA for Council management and use. This unique venue is designed to offer a variety of spaces from singular desks to room and venue hire to encourage users that work in innovation, start-ups and research, and who may operate outside of the typical 9 to 5 timeframe.

The first floor space includes co-working desk spaces for up to 20 people, a soundproofed meeting room, kitchenette, audio visual infrastructure with streaming capabilities and operable walls to divide the innovation centre into separate co-working and presentation spaces.



Both venues sit within the Venues Classification B tier and will be available to book in early 2026/2027 via Council’s booking platform.

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 city where everyone can develop, express and enjoy creativity throughout their life
Objective	Increase the number of places by 20% that are available for people to participate in arts and culture by 2031, using the 2019 cultural mapping baseline.
Delivery program commitment	Identify and provide a minimum of 10 spaces for people to participate in the creative and performing arts by 2032.
Delivery program commitment	Increase access and opportunity to existing Council venues and spaces by cultural arts by 10% from 2024 baseline.

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Corporate Planning and Performance
Function	Service Reviews and Continuous Improvement
Delivery program commitment	Ongoing work to improve the Council's internal or external products, services, or processes.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
Customers do not understand how to access Fees and Charges	All Fees and Charges once endorsed will be updated in Bookable and communications will be issued prior to new F&Cs going live
New Fees and Charges including Off-Peak charges create deficits in draft 2026/2027 budget	New F&C comprehensively modelled by Finance team to ensure no detrimental impact is expected on Council Budget 2026/2027
Current users are disrupted and/or are requested to pay higher fees	The amended fees and charges result in both decreases and increases in fees for community spaces. The new model is a clearer and fairer way to benchmark the venues and offer a balance of accessibility for community whilst also ensuring competitive neutrality and financial sustainability. The community are able to provide feedback via the Fees and Charges on public exhibition. Community Feedback will be considered.
Usage is negatively impacted by new Fees and Charges	Update via Bookable platform to be monitored by Venues team for any trends or indicators

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Resourcing Strategy implications

The new Fees and Charges for Community Halls and Venues, including the 30% reduced Off-Peak Hire fees, have been modelled to ensure projected revenue figures are not significantly impacted. The modelling for 2026/2027 has been reviewed, amended and finalised with Council's Finance team to ensure alignment with the draft 2026/2027 Council Budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Compliance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) regarding fees and charges.
Alignment with Council's Pricing Policy and Community Engagement Strategy.

Conclusion

The proposed changes to fees, charges, and user categories for FY2026/27 will simplify the fee structure across all of Council's venues. The fees are now standardised across venue categories, replacing the previous "per venue" structure with clearer, consistent rates. In many cases, this represents a reclassification or simplification of existing fees, rather than the introduction of new charges.

Some higher-quality or higher-demand venues have increased, while others have reduced to support greater affordability and uptake. The proposed four level Classification structure will further provide a more transparent and equitable pricing system in relation to, capacity, location, inclusions and access to these spaces.

The addition of a new off-peak period from 12pm – 3pm for Level B to D venues, with a standard reduction of 30% on all weekday fees, will remove economic barriers for user groups and provide opportunities to engage new audiences.

The overall impact of the new user group categories and the new Fees and Charges structure aims to ultimately improve customer experience in accessing Council's portfolio of venues and halls, whilst the upgrades to AV and infrastructure ensure the venues remain fit for purpose.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2025/00767

Director Community & Culture Report No. CC11/26

Subject: “Coogee Winter Night” event proposal and approval for temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone, Coogee Bay Road, July 2026

Executive Summary

- This report is in response to a Notice of Motion from Cr Carolyn Martin that was resolved by Council (Cr Martin/Cr Rosenfeld) at its meeting on 29 April 2026, to produce a Report back investigating the feasibility of a winter activation of a “Coogee Nights” open street event, and to request the General Manager to investigate resourcing to support the continuation of the Coogee Nights program 2026/2027.
- This Report summarises the success and outcomes of the recent “Coogee Nights” series March – April 2026, and outlines a proposed winter activation in response to the Resolution.
- “Coogee Nights” was an inaugural and highly successful series of four open street vibrancy events attended by 16,000 people and delivered in partnership with local businesses, and supported by the local Chamber of Commerce.
- Business and community feedback through surveys and post-event evaluation indicate a strong desire for the program to continue.
- As such, a one-off “Coogee Winter Night” event is proposed, to be delivered 22 July (or 29 July as an alternative) with a mid-winter theme and following the same successful event model and footprint.
- This proposal also requires Council Approval to temporarily suspend the Alcohol Free Zone for Coogee Bay Road, on the date of the event and from 5pm to 9pm. This proposal is an additional public safety measure, is supported by the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command and will be managed by dedicated security and Council staff throughout the event.
- The estimated \$75,000 required for the one-off activation will be considered and funded as part of the 2026/27 Quarterly Budget Review process, with a view to fund via existing allocation in the Economic Development budget.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorse the proposal to hold a one-off “Coogee Winter Night” event on 22 July 2026 (or 29 July as a contingency) on Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street to Brooke St) at an estimated cost of \$75,000;
- b) approve the temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone restrictions for Coogee Bay Road within the event footprint, from 5pm to 9pm on 22 July (or 29 July) to ensure any public consumption of alcohol during the event is compliant and safely managed; and
- c) note that Council staff will investigate future delivery of a “Coogee Nights” program alongside other committed Open Streets activations 2026/2027 and will inform Council of the outcome.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At its Ordinary Meeting on 29 April 2026, Council resolved:

(Cr Martin/ Cr Rosenfeld) that Council:

- a) acknowledges the outstanding success of the Coogee Nights program, noting the strong community attendance, positive feedback from residents and local businesses, and the significant contribution the event made to activating Coogee's night-time economy and community connection;
- b) thanks and commends the Council staff and all stakeholders involved in the planning and delivery of the program across its four event nights;
- c) requests the General Manager to investigate and report on funding opportunities, including grants and partnerships, to support the continuation of the Coogee Nights program for the 2026-27 period; and
- d) undertakes to investigate the feasibility of introducing a winter activation event, such as a "Winter Nights " or similar themed program, in consultation with the Businesses and Chamber, to be held over one or two nights in 2026, aimed at supporting local businesses and maintaining community engagement during the quieter winter months, with a report to be provided to Council prior to the June 2026 meeting.

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the background information to seek Council's endorsement of a one-off "Coogee Winter Night" open street event on Wednesday 29 July from 5.30 pm – 9.00 pm at an estimated cost of \$75,000, and to approval the related temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone restriction (5pm – 9pm) for Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street to Brook Street (excluding Vicar Street).

Discussion

Randwick's Open Streets program

Open Street events are key deliverables in Council's Economic Development, and Arts and Culture Strategies, and are primarily overseen by Council's Economic Development team working in partnership with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders and suppliers.

Open street events typically transform roads and streets into pedestrian-only public spaces and create vibrant, community-friendly spaces where people can gather, connect, enjoy and importantly boost local economies. They are strongly supported by the state government largely through TfNSW Revitalisation and Open Streets divisions.

Open Street events are most effective when delivered in town centres with road-adjacent hospitality businesses, an established "anchor" business, and on a road which is feasibly able to be temporarily closed with minimal impact on public transport and emergency services.

Council now delivers an established open street series with "Spot On" at The Spot In NSW, first delivered in 2024 and now an annual fixture. "Spot On" attracts between 16,000 – 21,000 visitors per year with businesses reporting up to 300% increase in trade during each event. The program is currently part-funded by Transport for NSW for delivery from 2025 to 2027 for 6 annual activations.

In response to a Council Resolution, a further one-off arts focused open street is planned for 2026/2027 in the North Ward to be delivered in partnership with Economic Development and Arts and Culture.

"Coogee Nights" 2026

On 4 March, 18 March, 1 April and 15 April 2026, Council delivered four vibrancy events in the heart of Coogee in response to a Council Resolution.

“Coogee Nights” saw the hard closure of Coogee Bay Road from Arden Street to Brook Street, creating an open space of over 200 metres to transform into a street festival with live music (music zone), a range of creatives, performers and installations and games (play zone), and a popular Silent Cinema for guests to relax and take a breath (chill zone).

The series was closely modelled off the “Spot On” open street series. Each event had a theme which was reflected in the curation of music, programming and selection of the film.



Total attendance exceeded 16,000 visitors over four nights (with one essentially rained out) and businesses reporting on average increase in trade from 150% to 250% for a Wednesday night. Of the 160 survey responses received, over 95% rated the event as 5 from 1 to 5, with the majority supporting ongoing delivery.

The series required significant resourcing in Council staff, traffic management, security and crowd safety, events infrastructure and programming. This was mitigated by part-funding from Transport for NSW’s “Permit Plug Play” 2025/26 vibrancy grant.

Proposal: “Coogee Winter Night” – one-off mid-winter activation Coogee Bay Road, 22 July 2026.

In response to the Council Resolution, and in from the success of the program and community and business feedback, it is proposed to develop and deliver a one-off “Coogee Winter Night” event on Wednesday 22 July 2026, on Coogee Bay Road.

The format of the one-off event will be identical to the “Coogee Nights” activations, with three activations zones, a stage at the east end of Coogee Bay Road for live music, a central “play zone” for games, activities and roving performers, and at the west end, bean-bags, blankets and appropriated curated wintery films. Businesses will once again be invited to trade out.

Working in partnership with the local Hotel, Vicar Street will be once again hard-closed with access via the Coogee Bay Hotel laneway to Arden Street. The same effective hostile vehicle mitigation will be enacted for crowd safety.

Approval to temporarily suspend the Alcohol Free Zone – Coogee Bay Road – 5pm to 9pm 22 July 2026 (29 July as an alternative date)

Coogee Bay Road sits with the Coogee Alcohol Free Zone as managed by Randwick City Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

In order any consumption of alcohol outside of the licenced restaurant areas is compliant and safely managed, **an approval from Council for “Coogee Winter Night” is requested to temporarily suspend Randwick Council’s Alcohol Free Zone restriction for Coogee Bay Road specifically from Arden Street to Brook Street, excluding Vicar St.**

The Approval is for the area highlighted below, from 5pm to 9pm on Wednesday 22 July *and* in case of inclement weather and postponement, as an alternative date Wednesday 29 July.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, a temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone is sought on the basis that;

- A council must pass a valid resolution to suspend a particular Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ).

- Council is not limited in the reasons for which it may suspend or cancel and AFZ.
- Liaison with local police is required before and after the resolution to ensure both groups are informed and action is coordinated.
- Under s645 of the LG Act 1993 A council must publish notice of a suspension in a manner that the council is satisfied is likely to bring the notice to the attention of members of the public in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned.

In relation to signage, the Act and guidelines only stipulate that existing Alcohol Free Zone signage needs to be removed if the AFZ is cancelled not merely for a suspension.

Therefore Council will meet notification requirements by erecting notices at the entry points to the suspended AFZ area, (Cnr Coogee Bay Rd and Brook St, Cnr Coogee Bay Rd and Vicar St and Cnr Coogee Bay Rd and Arden St) advising of the temporary suspension of the AFZ on Coogee Bay Rd between Brook and Vicar between 5pm and 9pm on the event day. These will be installed on the day of the event and removed at its conclusion.

This proposal is an additional public safety measure, is supported by the Eastern Beaches Police Area Command and will be managed by dedicated security and Council staff throughout the event. The event will be promoted as a family-friendly event and promotion will be in-line with previous Coogee Nights marketing.



Proposed area – temporary suspension of Coogee Alcohol Free Zone for 26 July OR 5 August, 5pm to 9pm

Estimated budget to deliver “Coogee Winter Night” 22 July 2026

The following is the estimated budget required to deliver the one-off open street event at Coogee, based on current event supplier engagement and actual budgets “Coogee Nights” 2026 and “Spot On”.

Coogee Winter Nights Event item	Estimated cost
Traffic Management (plans, staff, equipment)	\$15,500
Street furniture	\$13,000
AV and Production (including silent cinema)	\$12,000

Coogee Winter Nights Event item	Estimated cost
First Aid, security and site management	\$8,000
Fire drums / heaters	\$3750
Talent and performers	\$13,670
Printing and promotion	\$8,000
Waste and Cleansing	\$2,000
Estimated total:	\$75,920

Future delivery Coogee Nights 2026/2027

Future delivery of a Coogee Nights program in 2026/2027 will be investigated alongside Council’s current commitments to Open Streets events in the next financial year. Council will be informed of the findings and any ensuing event delivery strategy.

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 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	Deliver and/or support a range of large and small community events to promote a sense of community.
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city that empowers businesses to start, grow and thrive through a collaborative business culture
Objective	Increase by 20% the number of businesses that are members of a local network, chamber or association by 2032.
Delivery program commitment	Continue to seek state and federal grants for public space improvement or activation projects that promote the night-time economy.

Risks

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
Traffic disruption and congestions on event days leading to public safety and reputational risk to Council	<i>Considered, approved traffic management plans developed prior to event, approved by the Local Traffic Forum, and a strong community engagement strategy including letter drops, comms plan and Chamber consultation</i>
Adverse weather impacting delivery and attendance of event	<i>Cancellation strategy, deferral of delivery to 29 July 2026</i>

Strategic Risk Category/Objective	Risk Mitigation – report specific
<p>Repeated delivery open street events in a consecutive year implies neglecting other town centres</p>	<p><i>Council continues to explore viable street locations adjacent to restaurants and cafes and that can be safely closed, to support local economies in other areas as part of Economic Development strategy, and commits to delivery of Open Street program in North Ward and The Spot</i></p>
<p>Stress on council resourcing, staffing and programs to deliver large-scale open street events</p>	<p><i>One-off event to boost winter vibrancy, Spot On series now 6 per year, further investigations into viable annual open street program with resourcing and grants opportunities</i></p>

Resourcing Strategy implications

The scale of a Coogee Nights open street event - whilst demonstrably achieving significant community and business uptake and support - also requires considerable resourcing.

The total estimated budget of \$75 000.00 is typical of a large outdoor Council event.

Should Council determine to proceed with the event, funding will be considered as part of the 2026/27 Quarterly Budget Review process, based on savings in the Economic Development and Placemaking budgets.

The single proposed delivery also considers impact on Council staff resourcing and allows for a mid-winter vibrancy activation alongside commitments to deliver the comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Future delivery of a “Coogee Nights” program requires further assessment alongside current open street commitments, operational plan commitments and resourcing. This includes the opportunity to seek external funding and grants. Council will be informed of the event delivery outcomes.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Economic Development Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Local Government Act 1993.
- Ministerial guidelines on Alcohol- Free Zones (2025).

Conclusion

The delivery of the 2026 “Coogee Nights” open street series proved to be highly successful through extensive planning, strong partnerships with local business networks, creative programming, and community engagement.

High attendance, community feedback and a reported increase in trade were key outcomes. A proposal to hold a one-off “Coogee Winter Night” activation on 22 July 2026 responds to community and business support whilst also recognising impact on resourcing and operational commitments 2026/27.

Council approval of the temporary suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone for the event location (Coogee Bay Road from Arden to Brook Streets, excluding Vicar Street) for 22 July and for the alternative date of 29 July is requested as an additional compliance and public safety measure.

The ongoing delivery of collaborative open streets events such as Coogee Nights would build on these outcomes but requires further investigation in terms of current economic development commitments 2026/2027 and resourcing. Council will be informed of the findings.

Responsible officer: Roxanne Fea, Manager Economic Development & Placemaking

File Reference: F2025/00457

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO17/26

Subject: Monthly Financial Report - April 2026




Executive Summary

- Monthly Financial Reports are prepared to monitor Council's financial performance and to ensure that appropriate financial controls continue to be applied.
- Council's liquidity remains sound for the month of April, 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 Reports for April 2026 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  Monthly Financial Statement - Income Statement - April 2026
2.  Monthly Financial Statement - Balance Sheet Statement - April 2026
3.  Monthly Financial Statement - Cash Flow Statement - April 2026

Purpose

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 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 April 2026.

Income Statement (Attachment 1):

The Income Statement presents the financial results for a stated period. The statement quantifies the amount of revenue generated and the expenses incurred by the Council as well as any resulting net surplus or deficit.

The year-to-date Operating Result as of April 2026 is \$36.4m, including an Operating Result before Capital Grants and Contributions of \$10.4m.

- Interest income received year to date has exceeded budget expectation. This favourable variance is primarily attributable to a higher investment portfolio balance and prevailing interest rates. As a result, it is proposed that the budget be adjusted upward in the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review process to reflect this outcome.
- User charges and fees are higher than the current budget primarily due to stronger-than-anticipated road restoration and development application fee revenue.
- Operating expenditure remains broadly in line with budget. Cost increases, including fuel and materials, continue to be monitored and managed through normal budget processes.
- Other operating expenses are currently above budget mainly due to temporary market valuation movements associated with Council's floating rate note investments. These movements are accounting-related in nature and do not impact the underlying long-term value of the investments.

The investment balances reported on the Balance Sheet and the interest revenues reported on the Income Statement may differ between the monthly financial report and the Investment Report. These variances may occur because the monthly financial report is prepared using early cut-off dates to meet reporting deadlines, whereas the Investment Report is finalised after month-end close to meet the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 – Clause 212.

2025-26 Financial Performance Summary

	Original Budget (\$'000)	Current Budget (\$'000)	April 2026 YTD Actuals (\$'000)
Revenue from continuing operations	\$217,064	\$247,929	\$205,365
Expenses from continuing operations	\$206,480	\$208,786	\$168,875
Net Operating result	\$10,584	\$39,143	\$36,489
Net Operating result before Capital	\$1,089	\$2,053	\$10,383

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.

The balance reported in the Investment Report includes both current and non-current investments and reflects end-of-month valuations, whereas the Balance Sheet presentation separates current and non-current components and is subject to reporting cut-off timing differences.

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 April 2026, Council’s current ratio stands at 5.10, which exceeds the Office of Local Government’s benchmark of 1.5, indicating that Council’s liquidity position remains sound.

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.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The Current Budget for 2025-26 is balanced and sustainable with an operating result before capital contributions of \$10.4m as of April 2026. Council’s current financial position remains sound. Council continues to have a strong balance sheet demonstrated through the robust working capital and adequate liquidity.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Description	Mitigation
Liquidity risk	Risk that Council may not have sufficient cash to meet short-term obligations as they fall due.	Cash flow is actively monitored, with sufficient liquidity maintained through cash holdings and short-term investments. The current ratio remains well above benchmark levels.
Revenue variability	Variations in revenue streams, including interest income and user charges, may impact financial outcomes.	Regular budget monitoring and quarterly budget reviews ensure timely adjustments. Conservative forecasting assumptions are applied.

Risk	Description	Mitigation
Cost pressures	Changes in costs, including materials, contracts, and fuel, may impact operating expenditure.	Expenditure is continuously monitored against budget, with cost management measures implemented where required. Variances are reported through monthly reporting and the QBRS process.
Investment performance	Investment returns may vary due to changes in interest rates and market conditions.	The investment portfolio is diversified and actively managed in accordance with Council's Investment Policy. Performance is regularly benchmarked and reviewed.
Compliance risk	Risk of non-compliance with legislative or policy requirements.	Monthly compliance checks are undertaken, with oversight by the Responsible Accounting Officer and review against legislative requirements and Council's policies.

Policy and legislative requirements

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Conclusion

The Responsible Accounting Officer confirms that Council's financial position as at April 2026 remains sound, with strong liquidity and operating performance continuing to meet statutory and policy requirements. Council is well positioned to manage its financial obligations and deliver on its planned activities.

Responsible officer: Jason Peters, Coordinator Financial Management

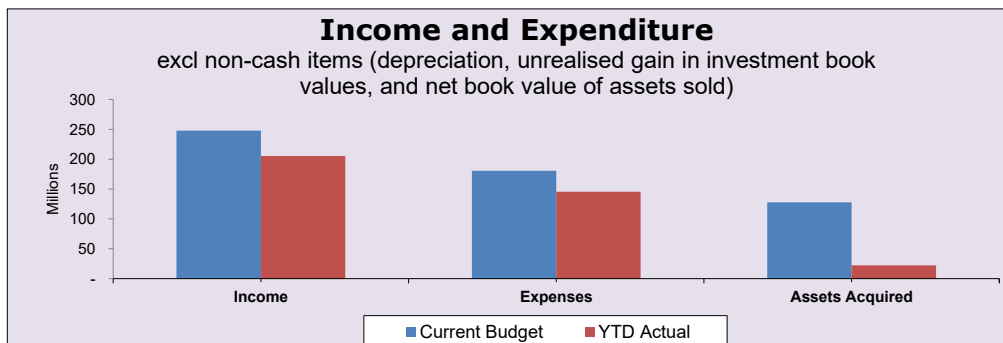
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INCOME STATEMENT

For the period ended 30 April 2026

	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Actuals (\$'000s)	% Spent or Earned
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Employee Costs	91,454	91,624	73,445	80.2%
Borrowing Costs	472	472	400	84.8%
Materials and Contracts	76,306	78,300	64,199	82.0%
Depreciation and Amortisation	28,063	28,063	23,386	83.3%
Other Operating Expenses	5,685	5,828	5,516	94.7%
Loss on Disposal of Infrastructure Assets	4,500	4,500	1,929	42.9%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	206,480	208,786	168,875	80.9%
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Rates and Annual Charges	155,573	155,193	129,630	83.5%
User Charges and Fees	24,913	25,157	24,445	97.2%
Interest	5,220	6,835	8,103	118.6%
Other Revenues	8,180	8,266	7,004	84.7%
Other Income	6,095	6,095	4,354	71.4%
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,588	8,190	5,498	67.1%
Capital Grants and Contributions	9,495	37,090	26,106	70.4%
Gain on Disposal of Plant & Fleet Assets	-	1,103	224	20.3%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	217,064	247,929	205,365	82.8%
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	10,584	39,143	36,489	
FUNDING STATEMENT				
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations - Accrual	10,584	39,143	36,489	
Adjust for Non-Cash Items included in Income & Expenses Items above				
- Depreciation & Pre-paid lease income recognition	27,431	27,431	22,378	
- Written down value of assets sold / renewed	7,055	7,055	2,324	
- Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on Market Value of Investments	-	-	784	
Reserve Movements				
- Transfer from Internal Reserves	14,239	64,462	11,302	
- Transfer from External Reserves	18,043	73,174	45,827	
Net Funds Available	(77,353)	(211,265)	(119,103)	
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Assets Acquired	46,799	127,750	22,211	
Loan Principal Payment	3,270	3,270	1,626	
Transfer to Internal Reserves	11,970	12,487	7,976	
Transfer to External Reserves	15,302	66,152	65,361	
Total Funds Applied	77,342	209,660	97,174	
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	11	1,605	21,929	



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BALANCE SHEET

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	Actual as at 30 April 2026 (\$'000)	Actual as at 30 June 2025 (\$'000s)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	189,551	164,505
Receivables	14,528	9,787
Inventories & Other	1,126	2,135
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	205,205	176,427
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	22,000	24,000
Receivables	566	566
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	2,070,373	2,070,369
Right of Use Asset	220	220
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,093,160	2,095,155
TOTAL ASSETS	2,298,365	2,271,582
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables & Prepayments	16,545	20,920
Income received in advance	2,463	3,733
Contract liabilities	6,394	6,772
Lease liabilities	3	3
Borrowings	3,307	3,270
Provisions	22,189	24,248
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	50,900	58,946
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income received in advance	19,006	19,006
Borrowings	17,674	19,336
Lease Liabilities	230	230
Provisions	819	819
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	37,729	39,391
TOTAL LIABILITIES	88,629	98,337
NET ASSETS	2,209,736	2,173,245
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	994,212	957,722
Revaluation Reserves	1,215,524	1,215,523
TOTAL EQUITY	2,209,736	2,173,245



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the period ended 30 April 2026 (\$'000)	Actual for the year ended 30 June 2025 (\$'000)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts:		
Rates and annual charges	125,924	149,171
User charges and fees	24,697	29,809
Interest received	8,592	8,319
Grants and contributions	31,122	44,213
Bonds, deposits and retentions received	2,602	2,920
Other	8,308	25,563
Payments:		
Payments to employees	(78,684)	(85,723)
Payments for materials and services	(65,522)	(93,053)
Borrowing Costs	(400)	(545)
Bonds, Deposits & retentions refunded	(1,997)	(2,604)
Other	(4,087)	(9,058)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Operating Activities	50,555	69,012
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Receipts:		
Sale of investments	131,733	111,863
Proceeds from sale of IPPE	618	1,437
Payments:		
Purchase of investments	(155,740)	(150,143)
Payments for IPPE	(25,711)	(33,131)
Net cash flows from (or used in) Investing Activities	(49,099)	(69,974)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Payments:		
Repayment of borrowings	(1,626)	(3,199)
Net cash flows from (used in) Financing Activities	(1,626)	(3,199)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(170)	(4,161)
plus: Cash and cash Equivalents - beginning of year	6,099	10,260
Cash and cash Equivalents - end of the year	5,929	6,099
Additional Information:		
plus: Investments on hand at end of year	205,623	182,406
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	211,551	188,505

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Subject: Quarterly Budget Review - March 2026

Executive Summary

- Council has prepared the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the Office of Local Government (OLG) Guidelines and templates.
- The OLG QBRS template for the March quarter incorporates prior approved budget adjustments. The 'Approved Changes Review Q1' column includes both the September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review (adopted 18 November 2025, Resolution CO63/25) and the 2024/25 Carry Over Budget (adopted 29 July 2025, Resolution CO37/25). The 'Approved Changes Review Q2' column reflects the December 2025 Quarterly Budget Review (adopted 24 February 2026, Resolution CO6/26).
- The review confirms that Council's financial position remains sound. Projected results for the 2025/26 financial year are:
 - Net Operating Result before Capital Items: \$1.6 million.
 - Budget Surplus: \$2.1 million.
 - Unallocated (unrestricted) Cash Balance: \$13.0 million at 30 June 2026.
- While some cost pressures have emerged during the year, including movements in fuel prices, these are being actively managed within existing budget settings and do not materially impact Council's overall financial position.
- The Chief Financial Officer, as Responsible Accounting Officer, certifies that Council's financial position is sound and that statutory reporting obligations have been met.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement Report; and
- b) adopts the proposed budget variations for March 2026, as detailed in the QBRS attachment to this report.

Attachment/s:

1.  Quarterly Budget Review Statement-March 2026

Purpose

This report presents the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the March quarter of the 2025/26 financial year and informs Council of any variations from the adopted budget.

Discussion

Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer prepare and submit a Quarterly Budget Review Statement to Council no later than two months after the end of each quarter (except the June quarter).

In August 2025, the Office of Local Government introduced new mandatory Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines and templates to ensure consistency across all NSW councils. These updated requirements, effective from the September 2025 quarter, have been fully adopted by Randwick City Council since the September review and for this report.

The OLG Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines templates for the December quarterly budget review has the *Approved Changes Review Q1* column to include both the September 2025 Quarterly Budget Review adopted by Council on 18 November 2025 (Resolution CO63/25) and the 2024/25 Carry Over Budget adopted by Council on 29 July 2025 (Resolution CO37/25). Approved Changes Review Q2' column includes the December 2025 Quarterly Budget Review adopted by Council on 24 February 2026 (Resolution CO6/26).

This Quarterly Budget Review Statement outlines Council's financial performance for the March quarter, reports on progress against the current budget, and presents recommended adjustments supported by detailed commentary.

The March budget review resulted in a projected Net Operating Result before Capital Items of \$1.6m for the 2025-26 financial year.

Operating Result - Income Statements

	2025-26 Original Budget (\$'000)	Approved Changes Review ¹ Q1 (\$'000)	Approved Changes Review ¹ Q2 (\$'000)	Revised Budget (Original budget +Approved Q1+Q2) (\$'000)	Recommended changes for council resolution ² (\$'000)	2025-26 Projected Budget ³ (\$'000)
Revenue from continuing operations	217,064	21,141	9,724	247,929	14,344	262,273
Expense from continuing operations excluding depreciation	178,417	2,091	214	180,722	3,052	183,774
Operating Result excluding Depreciation	38,647	19,050 ⁴	9,510 ⁴	67,207 ⁴	11,292	78,499 ⁴
Depreciation of non-financial assets	28,063			28,063		28,063
Operating Result from continuing Operations	10,584	19,050 ⁴	9,510 ⁴	39,144 ⁴	11,292	50,436 ⁴
Net Operating Result Before Capital Items	1,089	770 ⁴	195 ⁴	2,054 ⁴	-446	1,608 ⁴

¹ *Approved Changes Review Q1* includes the September 2025 quarterly budget review and Carry Over 2024/25, *Approved Changes Review Q2* includes the December 2025 quarterly budget review.

² *Recommended changes for council resolution* column are for the March Revision only.

³ 2025-26 Projected Budget is the sum of the *Revised Budget* and the *Recommended changes for council resolution* column.

⁴ Minor differences to the sum of preceding columns are due to rounding within the OLG template.

The major proposed budget adjustments for the March 2026 Quarter are:

Income & Expense Items	Adjustment & Impact (\$000) Favourable/ (Unfavourable)	Commentary
User Charges and Fees	508	Budget updated to more accurately align user fees and charges with project forecasts and recent actuals, primarily driven by public and private restoration works and community facility hire fees.
Interest Income	1,800	Increase in investment income driven by higher-than-budgeted interest rates and stronger-than-expected investment balances.
Other Revenue	7	Revenue received from the National Carbon Bank of Australia for Energy Saving Certificates.
Operating Grants & Contributions	290	<p>All grants and contributions included have confirmed funding and matched expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organic Collections (FOGO) grant, \$79k - Vehicle access application and supervision fees, \$125k - Start Strong and Inclusion support Grant, \$67k - Library Local Priority Grant, \$41k - Create NSW Grant relating to Arts and Culture Funding Program (ACFP), \$100k
Capital Grants and Contributions	11,738	<p>Developer contributions received and restricted to reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - s7.12 Developer Contribution, \$2.6m - s7.12 K2K Kensington Contribution, \$5.4m - s7.23 K2K Affordable Housing Contribution, \$3.5m <p>Capital grant received with corresponding capital expenditure budget added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play Our Way Grant relating to Heffron Park AFL Lighting, \$280k
Employee Costs	(66)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training costs for Flourish - mentoring program, \$15k - All Stops to Randwick, \$17k - Moverley Children’s Centre Worker Retention Grant received with corresponding expenditure budget added, \$24k
Materials and Contracts	(2,046)	<p>Additional funding required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fleet and Domestic Waste Management – fuel cost adjustment based on current price trends, \$1.3M <p>Budget allocations funded from grants:</p>

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Income & Expense Items	Adjustment & Impact (\$000) Favourable/ (Unfavourable)	Commentary
		- Create NSW relating to Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) grant, \$100k Budget adjustments offset by contributions: - Road Restorations income, \$530k - Space to create Residencies, \$6k
Other Operating Expenses	(940)	This variation reflects a temporary valuation adjustment associated with floating rate note investments based on current market conditions and does not impact the underlying long-term value of the portfolio.

Strategic alignment

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

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

Resourcing Strategy implications

This report presents the March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the 2025-26 financial year. Once adopted, the variations identified in this review will be incorporated into the current budget and, where relevant, carried forward to future updates of the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Section 203(1) and (3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- Section 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Local Government Act 1993

Conclusion

Council is projected to maintain a stable and sustainable financial position, with a forecast Operating Result before Capital Items of \$1.6 million and a budgeted surplus of \$2.1 million for the 2025-26 financial year. Key financial risks, including cost pressures such as fuel and materials, are being monitored and managed within current budget settings.

Overall, Council's financial position remains stable, with strong operating performance and adequate liquidity to support planned service delivery.

Responsible officer: Jason Peters, Coordinator Financial Management
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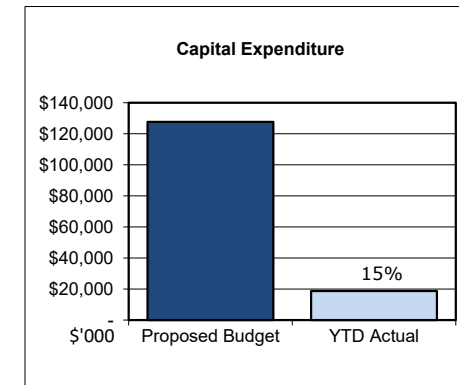
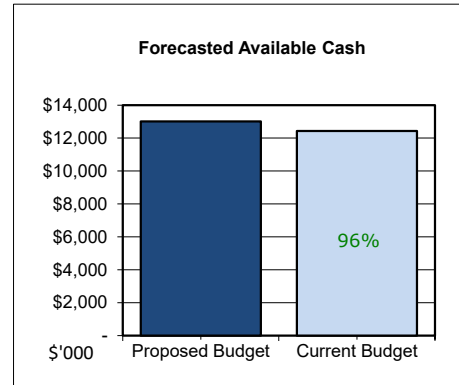
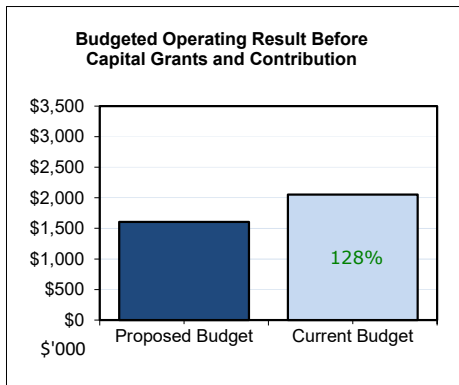
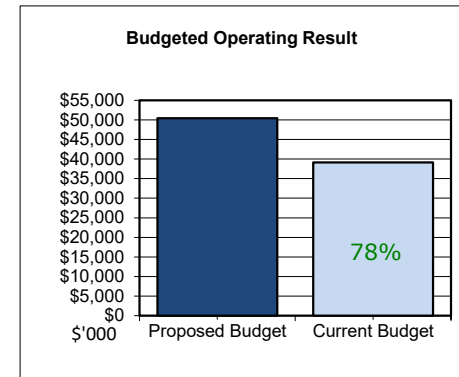
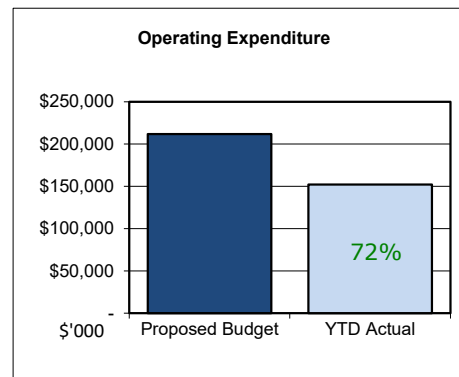
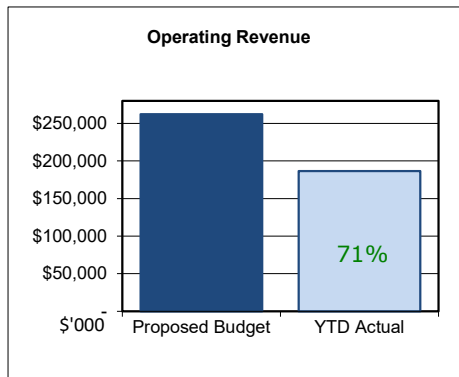
Quarterly Budget Review Statement March 2026




Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the quarter ended 31 Mar 2026

Budget Review Key Performance Indicators

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		2025/26 - March Quarter Budget Review Budget Variations		Key: Favourable variations Unfavourable variations Budget Neutral (no impact)	
Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable / Unfavourable / Budget Neutral)	
User Fees and Charges			508,177		
Community Centre Management	Community Facilities Hire Fees	Budget adjustment to align with year-to-date actuals	20,000	Budget Neutral	
Fleet Management	Car Leases Contributions - Staff	Budget adjustment reflecting current fleet participation levels and evolving employee vehicle preferences and remuneration options, including sustainability allowances, resulting in lower leaseback costs	(250,000)	Unfavourable	
Integrated Transport	Parking permits and related access schemes	Budget increase to align with higher-than-forecast transport-related activity and year-to-date income performance	230,000	Favourable	
Library Administration	Community Facilities Hire Fees	Budget alignment with income received relating to Space to Create Residencies	6,000	Budget Neutral	
Parks & Recreation	Application Service Fees	Budget reduction due to lower application volumes	(40,000)	Unfavourable	
Public & Private Restorations	Road & Other Infrastructure Reinstatements	Budget increase to align with year-to-date actuals (corresponding expenditure budget added)	530,000	Budget Neutral	
Randwick Literary Institute	Community Facilities Hire Fees	Budget increase to align with year-to-date actuals	12,177	Budget Neutral	
Interest			1,800,000		
Financial Services	Interest on Investments	Increase in investment income driven by higher-than-budgeted interest rates and stronger-than-expected investment balances	1,800,000	Favourable	
Other Revenue			7,000		
Technical Services Management	Other Revenues	Budget increase to align with revenue received from the National Carbon Bank of Australia (Energy Saving Certificates)	7,000	Favourable	
Operating Grants and Contributions			290,473		
Vehicular Access	Operating Contributions - Vehicle Access Supervision Fees	Budget increased to align forecast with year-to-date actuals	50,000	Favourable	
Vehicular Access	Operating Contributions - Vehicle Access Application Fees	Budget increased to align forecast with year-to-date actuals	20,000	Favourable	

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Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable / Unfavourable / Budget Neutral)
Vehicular Access	Operating Contributions - Vehicle Access Construction	Increase in operating contributions in line with year-to-date actuals	30,000	Budget Neutral
Vehicular Access	Operating Contributions - Vehicle Access Construction	Budget transfer from capital to operating contributions; no net impact	25,000	Budget Neutral
Moverly Children's Centre	Operating Contributions - Child Care	Budget relating to child care subsidy payment received	37,042	Favourable
Moverly Children's Centre	Operating Contributions - Child Care	Budget relating to Worker Retention Grant and Inclusion Support Grant funding (corresponding expenditure budget added)	28,557	Budget Neutral
Moverly Children's Centre	Operating Contributions - Other	Budget relating to INTEGRITY Study - The George Institute contribution	1,273	Budget Neutral
Roads Constructions	Operating Grants - Roads to Recovery	Budget reduction to align with nominal funding allocations under the Roads to Recovery (RTR) Program	(228,554)	Budget Neutral
Building Constructions	Library Local Priority Grant	Budget adjustment for Library Local Priority Grant received from the State Library of NSW	41,000	Budget Neutral
Library Administration	Library Special Project Grant	NSW Government grant for the Tech Savvy Seniors 2025-26 program (corresponding expenditure budget added)	2,091	Budget Neutral
DWM - Waste Development and Water Conservation Strategy	Operating Grants - Environmental	NSW EPA grant relating to Organics Collections - final payment	79,064	Favourable
IMT Operating Organisation	Operating Contributions - Other	Budget relating to employee IT loans, aligned to year-to-date actuals	95,000	Budget Neutral
La Perouse Museum	Operating Grants - Other	Grant from the French-Australian Cultural Exchange Foundation (corresponding expenditure budget added)	10,000	Budget Neutral
La Perouse Museum	Operating Grants - Other	Create NSW grant for Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) multi-year funding received during the March quarter (corresponding expenditure budget added)	100,000	Budget Neutral
Capital Grants and Contributions			11,737,846	
Parks Constructions	Capital Grants - Specific Purpose Other	Department of Social Services, Play Our Way Grant for the installation of lighting at Heffron Park (corresponding capital expenditure budget added)	280,000	Budget Neutral
Roads Constructions	Capital Grants - Roads Bridges and Footpaths	Budget adjustment as project has been completed in this financial year	(51,305)	Budget Neutral
Vehicular Access	Capital Contributions - Vehicle Access Construction	Budget transfer from capital to operating contributions relating to vehicle access construction, no net effect	(25,000)	Budget Neutral
Development Contribution	S7.12 Capital Developer Contributions	Adjusted due to increased contributions received, including those from the UNSW West Car Park site	2,603,904	Budget Neutral

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable / Unfavourable / Budget Neutral)
Development Contribution	Affordable Housing Contribution	Adjusted due to receipt of community infrastructure contributions, including Co-Living developments	3,496,638	Budget Neutral
Development Contribution	S7.23 Affordable Housing K2K Kensington	Adjusted due to receipt of affordable housing contributions from Scape Lachlan and Ascot sites developments	5,433,609	Budget Neutral
Employee Costs			65,718	
Randwick Literary Institute	Casual Salaries All	Budget transfer from event/ function expense savings to casual salaries	27,177	Budget Neutral
La Perouse Museum	Employee Cost - Expanded Service	Budget transfer to Exhibitions and Collections project	(55,000)	Budget Neutral
Human Resources	Training - Course Costs	Budget transfer to All Stops to Randwick project budget	17,883	Budget Neutral
Human Resources	Training - Course Costs	Budget transfer to Flourish - Mentoring Program	15,000	Budget Neutral
Moverly Children's Centre	Permanent Salaries All	Budget relating to Worker Retention Grant funding (corresponding grant budget added)	23,658	Budget Neutral
Community Centre Management	Casual Salaries All	Budget transfer from savings identified in event/ function expenses and security services	37,000	Budget Neutral
Materials and Contracts			2,046,149	
IMT Operating Organisation	Plant Furniture & Equipment Acquisitions	Budget relating to employee IT loans, aligning budget with year-to-date actuals	95,000	Budget Neutral
Drainage Constructions	Contracts - Other	Budget transfer from retaining wall project to fund remediation works at Albi Place, Randwick	101,612	Budget Neutral
Streetscape Maintenance	Contracts - Other	Budget transfer from Parks Upgrades to fund Parks maintenance works	6,000	Budget Neutral
Community Centre Management	Security Services	Budget reduction due to increase in non-commercial hiring hence less security requirements	(7,000)	Budget Neutral
Human Resources	Other Contractors - Expanded Service	Budget transfer to Flourish - Mentoring Program	(15,000)	Budget Neutral
Human Resources	Other Contractors - Expanded Service	Budget transfer to All Stops to Randwick project budget	(17,883)	Budget Neutral
La Perouse Museum	Consultancies - General	Budget increased, funded by Create NSW for the Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) grant (corresponding grant budget added)	100,000	Budget Neutral
La Perouse Museum	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget reallocation to Exhibitions project relating to La Perouse Museum	45,000	Budget Neutral

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Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable / Unfavourable / Budget Neutral)
La Perouse Museum	Records Management Expenses	Budget reallocation to Collections project relating to La Perouse Museum	20,000	Budget Neutral
Cultural Events	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget reallocation from Randwick Open Streets traffic management to fund service level review	22,000	Budget Neutral
Economic Development Strategy	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget reallocation from Permit Plug Play (grant-funded project) to Coogee nights	82,013	Budget Neutral
Economic Development Strategy	Consultancies - General	Budget reallocation from Permit Plug Play (grant-funded project) to fund various activities	(105,729)	Budget Neutral
Library Administration	Contracts - Other	Budget increase to offset income received for Space to Create Residencies	6,000	Budget Neutral
Library Administration	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Budget relating to NSW Government grant for the Tech Savvy Seniors 2025-26 program (corresponding grant budget added)	2,091	Budget Neutral
Moverly Children's Centre	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget for the Inclusion Support Grant Funding and INTEGRITY Study from The George Institute (corresponding grant budget added)	6,172	Budget Neutral
Fleet Management	Fuel & Lubricants	Budget increase to fund fuel cost adjustment based on current price trends	1,300,000	Unfavourable
Public & Private Restorations	Contracts - Other	Budget increase relating to road restorations income received to-date	530,000	Budget Neutral
Randwick Literary Institute	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget transfer to fund furniture purchase for Community Centre Management activities	(25,000)	Budget Neutral
Randwick Literary Institute	Event/ Function Expenses	Budget transfer to fund Prince Henry Centre AV upgrade	(10,000)	Budget Neutral
Vehicular Access	Operating Contributions - Vehicle Access Construction	Increase vehicle access construction budget (corresponding income budget added)	30,000	Budget Neutral
Strategic Planning	Consultancies - General	Budget reduction relating to Strategic Planning projects to align expenditures with current service and delivery priorities	(119,127)	Favourable
Other Operating Expenditure			940,000	
Financial Services	Other Expenses	This variation reflects a temporary valuation adjustment associated with floating rate note investments based on current market conditions and does not impact the underlying long-term value of the portfolio	940,000	Unfavourable
Capital Works			(95,755)	
Parks Constructions	Heffron Park AFL Lighting	Budget relating to Department of Social Service, Play Our Way Grant relating to installation of lighting at Heffron Park (corresponding grant budget added)	280,000	Budget Neutral

Responsibility Centre	Account/Project	Comment	Amount (\$)	Narration (Favourable / Unfavourable / Budget Neutral)
Parks Constructions	Parks Upgrades	Budget transfer from Parks Upgrades to fund Parks maintenance works	(6,000)	Budget Neutral
Roads Constructions	Australian Government Black Spot Program	Budget adjustment relating to Little Bay and Bunnerong Road project, which was completed under budget	(51,305)	Budget Neutral
Roads Constructions	Retaining Wall & Railing Program	Budget transfer to fund unplanned retaining wall remediation	(101,612)	Budget Neutral
Roads Constructions	Roads to Recovery	Budget adjustment to align Roads to Recovery Nominal Annual Allocations for the program in this FY	(228,554)	Budget Neutral
Plant and Fleet	Permit Plug Play (PPP) Capital Asset	Budget reallocation from Permit Plug Play (grant-funded project) to fund capital purchase	1,716	Budget Neutral
IMT Projects	Prince Henry AV equipment replacement	Budget transfer from RLI Event/ Function expense savings to fund Prince Henry AV equipment replacement	10,000	Budget Neutral
Reserves			10,914,683	
Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety	Ext Restricted - Domestic Waste Management	NSW EPA grant relating to Organics Collections - final payment	39,532	Favourable
Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety	Ext Restricted - Domestic Waste Management	Reserve adjustment to fund additional fuel costs relating to Domestic Waste contract due to higher ongoing fuel prices since last month	(700,000)	Unfavourable
Library Administration	Ext Restricted - Special Purpose Unexpended Grants	Reserve adjustment to reflect the grant funding received from the State Library of NSW	41,000	Budget Neutral
Strategic Planning	Ext Restricted - S7.12 Development Contributions	S 7.12 contributions received during the period including UNSW West car park site, this was not originally budgeted	2,603,904	Budget Neutral
Strategic Planning	Ext Restricted -S7.23 Reserve - Affordable Housing - K2K	S 7.12 contributions received from Scape Lachlan and Ascot sites developments, this was not originally budgeted	5,433,609	Budget Neutral
Strategic Planning	Affordable Housing Contribution	Affordable housing contributions from Co-Living development, this was not originally budgeted	3,496,638	Budget Neutral
Net Surplus/(Deficit)			472,701	
Add Current 2025-26 Budget Surplus/ (Deficit)			1,604,863	
Total Revised 2025-26 Budget Surplus/(Deficit)			2,077,564	
The term Budget Neutral replaces 'Contra' to improve clarity. These items reflect internal reallocations between accounts or projects that do not affect Council's overall financial position, as increases are fully offset by corresponding decreases elsewhere.				

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QBRs FINANCIAL OVERVIEW											
Randwick City Council											
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/26											
DESCRIPTION	Previous Year	Current Year	Approved	Approved	Approved	Revised	Recommended	Projected	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council	Year End	ORIGINAL	YTD	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	resolution \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	budget v FYE \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	General Fund	2,593	1,089	770	195	0	2,054	-446	1,608	519	8,922
	Water Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sewer Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Consolidated	2,593	1,089	770	195	0	2,054	-446	1,608	519	8,922
Operating Result from continuing operations (with capital grants and contributions) excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	Consolidated	62,892	38,647	19,050	9,510	0	67,207	11,292	78,499	39,852	55,526
	Borrowings										
	Total borrowings						0		0		
Liquidity	External restrictions	67,043	64,303	-13,737	9,456	0	60,022	10,915	70,937	6,634	91,238
	Internal Allocations	110,526	108,256	-49,978	272	0	58,550	0	58,550	-49,706	108,300
	Unallocated	10,936	10,947	1,486	108	0	12,541	472	13,013	2,066	16,912
	Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	188,505	183,506	-62,229	9,836	0	131,113	11,387	142,500	-41,006	216,450
Capital	Capital Funding	33,301	46,799	81,277	-326	0	127,750	-96	127,654	80,855	18,718
	Capital Expenditure	33,301	46,799	81,277	-326	0	127,750	-96	127,654	80,855	18,718
	Net Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0

	Opening Balance	Total Cash Contributions Received	Total Interest Earned	Total Expended	Total Internal Borrowings (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
	As at 1 July 2025	As at this Q	As at this Q	As at this Q	As at this Q	As at this Q	As at this Q
	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Developer Contribution		46,452	20,543	34	3,887	0	63,142
Total Developer Contributions		46,452	20,543	34	3,887	0	63,142

Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement										
Randwick City Council										
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026										
Consolidated Fund										
Description	Previous Year	Current Year	Approved	Approved	Approved	Revised	Recommended	Projected	VARIANCE	ACTUAL
	Actual	Budget	Changes	Changes	Changes	Budget	changes	Year End	ORIGINAL	YTD
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Review Q 1 \$000's	Review Q 2 \$000's	Review Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	for council resolution \$000's	(PYE) Result 2025/26 \$000's	budget v PYE 2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
INCOME										
Rates and Annual Charges	148,922	155,573	-380			155,193		155,193	-380	116,682
User Charges and Fees	27,770	24,913	464	-220		25,157	508	25,665	752	20,941
Other Revenue	9,003	8,180	85			8,265	7	8,272	92	6,631
Grants and Contributions - Operating	9,397	7,588	474	129		8,191	290	8,481	893	5,381
Grants and Contributions - Capital	31,920	9,495	18,280	9,315		37,090	11,738	48,828	39,333	25,557
Interest and Investment Income	8,898	5,220	1,115	500		6,835	1,800	8,635	3,415	7,235
Other Income	6,198	6,095				6,095		6,095	0	3,969
Net gain from disposal of assets			1,103			1,103		1,103	1,103	224
Total Income from continuing operations	242,108	217,064	21,141	9,724	0	247,929	14,344	262,273	45,209	186,620
EXPENSES										
Employee benefits and on-costs	87,671	91,454	129	40		91,623	66	91,689	235	66,461
Materials & Services	81,899	76,306	1,819	174		78,299	2,046	80,345	4,039	56,633
Borrowing Costs	545	472				472		472	0	362
Other Expenses	4,977	5,685	143			5,828	940	6,768	1,083	5,709
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	4,124	4,500				4,500		4,500	0	1,929
Total Expenses from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	179,216	178,417	2,091	214	0	180,722	3,052	183,774	5,357	131,094
Operating Result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	62,892	38,647	19,050	9,510	0	67,207	11,292	78,499	39,852	55,526
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	28,379	28,063				28,063		28,063	0	21,047
Operating result from continuing Operations	34,513	10,584	19,050	9,510	0	39,144	11,292	50,436	39,852	34,479
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2,593	1,089	770	195	0	2,054	-446	1,608	519	8,922

Notes
 Original Budget +/- approved budget changes in previous quarters = REVISED Budget
 Revised Budget +/- recommended changes this quarter = PROJECTED year results

The quarterly recommended changes to the revised budget are to include:
 1) an explanation for the recommended changes and any impact this will have on the Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan
 2) any impacts of year to date expenditure on recommended changes to budget

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Capital Budget Review Statement
Randwick City Council
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026

Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommended changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	\$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
CAPITAL FUNDING										
Rates & other untied funding	11,281	18,473	-52	-30		18,391	-325	18,066	-407	2,975
Capital Grants & Contributions	4,933	2,470	18,280	1,765		22,515	229	22,744	20,274	1,513
Reserves - External Restrictions	12,458	12,969	13,325	-2,178		24,116		24,116	11,147	5,009
Reserves - Internally Allocated	1,673	10,332	48,621	117		59,070		59,070	48,738	8,602
New Loans						0		0	0	
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,437	2,555	1,103			3,658		3,658	1,103	618
Other	1,519					0		0	0	
Total Capital Funding	33,301	46,799	81,277	-326	0	127,750	-96	127,654	80,855	18,718
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
WIP	7,160					0		0	0	18,718
New Assets	12,379	14,563	24,806	-2,103		37,266	229	37,495	22,932	
Asset Renewal	13,762	32,236	56,471	1,777		90,484	-325	90,159	57,923	
Other						0		0	0	
Total Capital Expenditure	33,301	46,799	81,277	-326	0	127,750	-96	127,654	80,855	18,718
Net Capital Funding - Surplus /(Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0

Notes

Original Budget +/- approved budget changes in previous quarters = REVISED Budget

Revised Budget +/- recommended changes this quarter = PROJECTED year results

Where the **Total Capital Funding** and the **Total Capital Expenditure** values do not match an explanation is to be provided.

Carry over funding from previous year should be identified and any proposed carry forwards into next financial year are to be explained.

The quarterly recommended changes to the revised budget are to include:

- 1) an explanation for the recommended changes and any impact this will have on the Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Pl;
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Cash and Investments Budget Review Statement										
Randwick City Council										
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026										
Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommended changes	Projected Year End (PVE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	\$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	188,505	183,506	-62,229	9,836		131,113	11,387	142,500	-41,006	216,450
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED										
Water Fund						0		0	0	
Sewer Fund						0		0	0	
Developer contributions - General	46,452	46,734	-7,498	7,550		46,786	11,534	58,320	11,586	63,142
Developer contributions - Water						0		0	0	
Developer contributions - Sewer						0		0	0	
Transport for NSW Contributions	136	136	-87			49		49	-87	136
Domestic waste management	13,710	11,301	-3,115	2,172		10,358	-660	9,698	-1,603	19,313
Stormwater management	1,910	1,658	-1,333			325		325	-1,333	2,540
Other	4,835	4,474	-1,704	-266		2,504	41	2,545	-1,929	6,107
Total Externally Restricted	67,043	64,303	-13,737	9,456	0	60,022	10,915	70,937	6,634	91,238
Cash, cash equivalents & investments not subject to external restrictions	121,462	119,203	-48,492	380	0	71,091	472	71,563	-47,640	125,212
INTERNAL ALLOCATIONS										
Employee entitlements	9,792	10,292				10,292		10,292	0	10,084
Plant and vehicle replacement	10,944	11,409	-4,415			6,994		6,994	-4,415	11,538
Carry over works	36,548	36,548	-28,955			7,593		7,593	-28,955	34,058
Information and communication technology	9,909	9,909		272		10,181		10,181	272	9,909
Infrastructure reserve	8,688	7,380	-2,695			4,685		4,685	-2,695	8,061
Our Community our future	14,608	12,547	-9,035			3,512		3,512	-9,035	16,226
Other	20,037	20,171	-4,879			15,292		15,292	-4,879	18,424
Total Internally Allocated	110,526	108,256	-49,978	272	0	58,550	0	58,550	-49,706	108,300
Unallocated	10,936	10,947	1,486	108	0	12,541	472	13,013	2,066	16,912

External Restrictions - must be used for a specific purpose and are not to be used for general operations. The funds are bound by legislation or third party agreement that restricts their use.

Internal Allocations - Council have allocated by resolution or policy to identified programs of work and any forward plans identified by Council. These allocations are at the discretion of council.

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Developer Contributions Summary																					
Randwick City Council																					
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026																					
Purpose	Opening Balance As at 1 July 2025 \$000's	Developer Contributions Received									Interest Earned Q1 \$000's	Interest Earned Q2 \$000's	Interest Earned Q3 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q1 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q2 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q3 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q1 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q2 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q3 \$000's	Held as Restricted Asset As at this Q \$000's	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from As at this Q \$000's
		Cash			Non-Cash Land			Non-Cash Other													
		Q1 \$000's	Q2 \$000's	Q3 \$000's	Q1 \$000's	Q2 \$000's	Q3 \$000's	Q1 \$000's	Q2 \$000's	Q3 \$000's											
Drainage																					0
Roads																					0
Traffic facilities																					0
Parking																					0
Open space																					0
Community facilities																					0
Other																					0
Total S7.11 Under plans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S7.11 Not under plans																					0
S7.12 Levies	17,990	958	6,215								3	2	4	1,313	1,855	701					21,304
S7.4 Planning agreements	23,326		2,894	8,936							8	8	8	3	15						35,162
S64 Contributions																					0
Other	5,136		1,540																		6,676
Total Developer Contributions	46,452	958	10,649	8,936	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	12	1,316	1,870	701	0	0	0	63,142	0

Notes
 All developer contributions received are to be disclosed, and distinguished as cash or non cash. Recognition occurs when council gains control over the asset (cash or non cash). Councils have obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenue levied on developers under the provisions of s7.4,s7.11 and s7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Developer contributions may only be expended for the purpose for which the contributions were required, however council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules for the contribution plan.
 'Monetary Amounts Expended' should only include monetary expenditure. Enter positive value when expended. The amounts recorded under "Non-cash Land" and "Non-cash Other" are not included in "Monetary Amounts Expended", as these represent assets provided in a non-monetary form.'

Randwick City Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statements for the period ending 31 March 2026

Statement by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Randwick City Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/06/2026 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

The restricted funds of Council have been invested in accordance with Council's current Investment Policy (adopted February 2025).

Council's bank account in the general ledger and the cashbook has been reconciled with bank statements as at 31/03/2026.



RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO19/26

Subject: Monthly Investment Report - April 2026

Executive Summary

- All investments have been managed in accordance with legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.
- As at 30 April 2026, Council's total cash and investment portfolio was \$211.55M, generating \$0.82M in interest income for the month.
- The portfolio delivered a return of 0.38% for April (4.78% p.a. annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index (0.34% for the month, 4.24% p.a. annualised).
- Year-to-date investment income totals \$7.79M, representing 119% of the adopted budget.
- The majority of Council's funds remain restricted, with \$107.2M internally restricted and \$86.3M externally restricted. Unrestricted funds total \$18.05M, supporting operational liquidity.
- Cash flow continues to be actively managed to ensure sufficient liquidity for operational and capital commitments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Investment Report for April 2026.

Attachment/s:

1. [Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer - April 2026](#)

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.

Discussion

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 products in full compliance with legislative requirements and Council's Investment Policy.

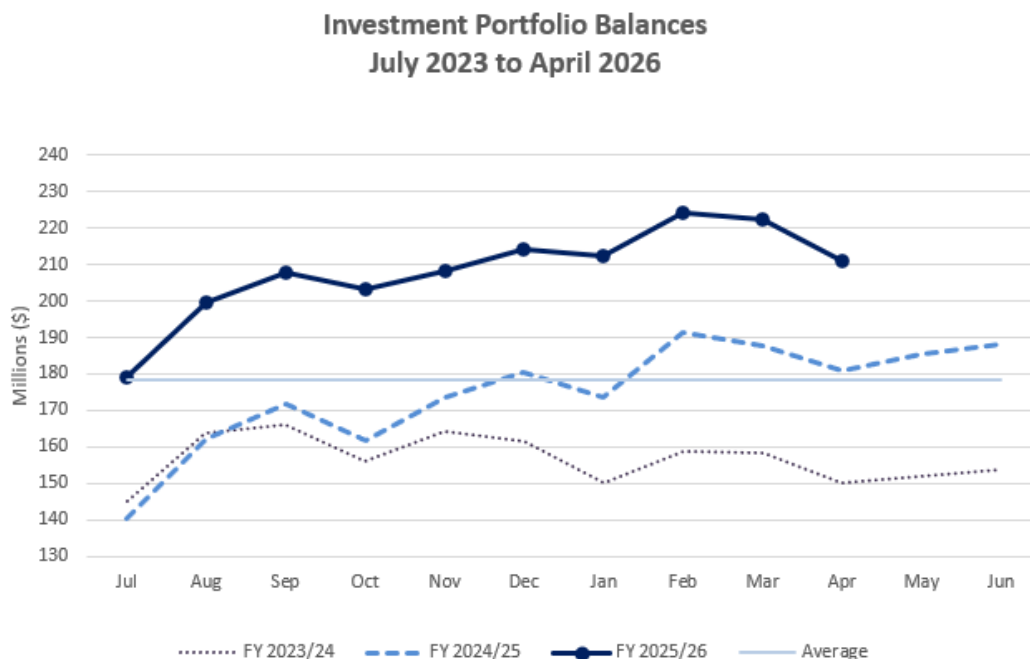
Cash flow is continuously monitored to ensure sufficient liquidity for day-to-day operations including the delivery of Council's capital program through:

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

Portfolio Overview

As at 30 April 2026, Council's total cash and investment portfolio was \$211.55M, representing a decrease of approximately \$10.45M during the month. This movement primarily reflects the timing of expenditure, including capital program outflows, partially offset by ongoing revenue inflows. Portfolio balances can fluctuate from month to month due to the cyclical nature of cash flows, with major inflows typically driven by the timing of rate instalments and the receipt of grants, including Financial Assistance Grants.

The movements in the investment portfolio value from July 2023 to April 2026 are shown in the chart below.



The majority of Council's investment portfolio is allocated to term deposits, comprising 63.86% of the total portfolio. The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA (1.31%), senior floating rate notes (FRNs) (24.70%) and senior and covered fixed bonds (10.13%).

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 period of April, the total portfolio (T/Ds, FRNs and Bonds) provided a sound return of +0.38% (actual) or +4.78% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.34% (actual) or +4.24% p.a. (annualised).

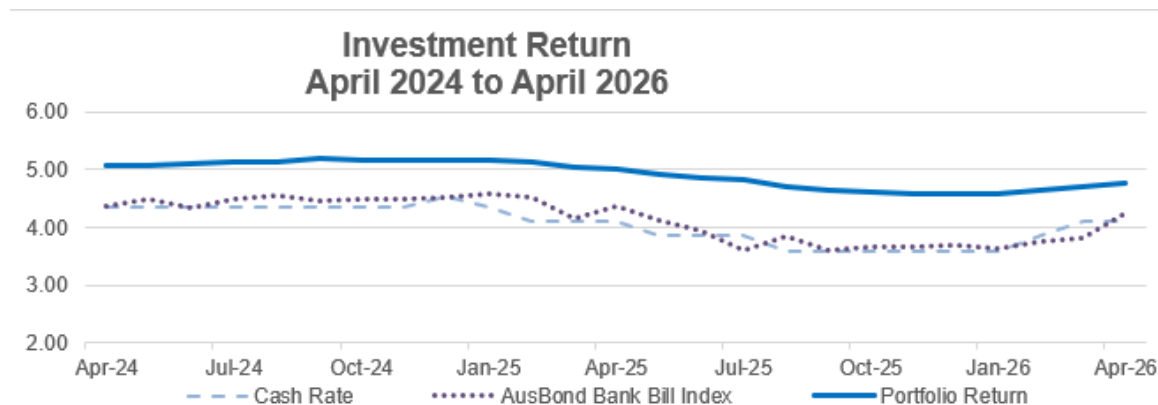
This result reflects continued outperformance relative to the benchmark, supported by higher-yielding term deposits and floating rate note exposures.

Performance (Actual)*	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year**	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.33%	0.97%	1.87%	3.11%	3.77%	4.03%	4.09%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.34%	0.95%	1.87%	3.11%	3.79%	4.12%	4.16%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.38%	1.11%	2.26%	3.87%	4.71%	4.89%	4.77%
Council's FRN Portfolio	0.42%	1.21%	2.40%	4.01%	4.84%	5.12%	5.13%
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.35%	1.04%	2.12%	3.58%	4.26%	3.07%	2.41%
Council's Portfolio*	0.38%	1.13%	2.28%	3.87%	4.70%	4.91%	4.82%
Outperformance	0.04%	0.18%	0.41%	0.76%	0.91%	0.79%	0.66%

*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 April 2024 to April 2026.



YTD investment income as of 30 April 2026 is \$7.79M, representing 93% of the current budget.

Market Condition and Economic Overview

Inflation increased to 4.6% on an annual basis in March 2026, remaining above the Reserve Bank of Australia's 2–3% target range. Price pressures remain broadly based, driven by strong domestic demand, capacity constraints, and elevated costs across housing, transport, and services. Labour market conditions also remain tight, contributing to ongoing inflationary pressures.

The RBA has indicated that inflation is likely to remain elevated in the near term, with monetary policy settings expected to remain relatively restrictive to support a gradual return to price stability.

From a local government perspective, cost pressures, particularly in construction, materials, and fuel, continue to influence budget outcomes. Fuel price movements may affect Council's fleet

operations, contractor costs, and broader service delivery expenses. These factors are being monitored and incorporated into Council's ongoing financial planning and cash flow management.

Investment Breakdown by Asset Type

On-Call Funds

- On-call funds are maintained to meet Council's immediate cash flow requirements. As of 30 April 2026, the on-call balance stands at \$2.76M, representing 1.31% of the total investment portfolio.

Counterparty	Rating	Balance 31 March 2026	Movement	Balance 30 April 2026	Interest Rate
CBA	AA-	290,565.3	2,478,813.33	2,769,378.63	4.10%

Term Deposits

- As at 30 April 2026, the portfolio included \$135M in term deposits, making up 63.86% of the total investment portfolio.
- Nine term deposits, with a total value of \$16.5M, matured in April 2026.
- One term deposit, with a total value of \$3.0M, was placed in April 2026.
- As at 30 April 2026, the term deposit portfolio yielded 4.55% p.a.
- Investments denoted with an asterisk (*) are those that do not have any exposure to fossil-fuel lending.

Counterparty	Rating	Balance 31 March 2026	Movement	Balance 30 April 2026	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	06/08/2025	01/04/2026	4.16%
Suncorp Bank	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	30/06/2025	01/04/2026	4.29%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	02/09/2025	08/04/2026	4.15%
Westpac	AA-	1,500,000	(1,500,000)	-	29/05/2025	08/04/2026	4.16%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	03/04/2025	08/04/2026	4.64%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	02/09/2024	15/04/2026	4.75%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	29/05/2025	22/04/2026	4.17%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	11/02/2025	22/04/2026	4.68%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	-	01/09/2025	29/04/2026	4.14%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	17/12/2025	06/05/2026	4.43%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	27/02/2025	06/05/2026	4.74%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	17/12/2025	20/05/2026	4.43%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	05/02/2026	10/06/2026	4.50%

Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	06/08/2025	10/06/2026	4.16%
NAB	AA-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	01/09/2025	17/06/2026	4.14%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	02/09/2024	24/06/2026	4.70%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	02/09/2025	01/07/2026	4.11%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/2025	01/07/2026	4.66%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	04/09/2025	08/07/2026	4.15%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	09/09/2025	15/07/2026	4.16%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	29/08/2024	15/07/2026	4.55%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/09/2025	22/07/2026	4.21%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	07/10/2025	29/07/2026	4.22%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/09/2025	29/07/2026	4.21%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/2026	12/08/2026	4.75%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	30/10/2025	09/09/2026	4.28%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	05/08/2025	09/09/2026	4.09%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	05/08/2025	16/09/2026	4.09%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	28/08/2025	23/09/2026	4.14%
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/02/2025	23/09/2026	4.63%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	07/08/2025	30/09/2026	4.10%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	12/08/2025	07/10/2026	4.12%
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	04/10/2024	07/10/2026	4.55%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	22/08/2025	14/10/2026	4.12%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	02/09/2025	21/10/2026	4.08%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/08/2025	21/10/2026	4.11%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	22/08/2025	28/10/2026	4.12%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	17/12/2025	04/11/2026	4.57%

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Commonwealth Bank	AA-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	01/12/2025	05/11/2026	4.49%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	03/11/2025	09/12/2026	4.32%
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	10/11/2021	09/12/2026	1.88%
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	01/12/2025	16/12/2026	4.51%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	03/11/2025	16/12/2026	4.32%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	12/12/2024	16/12/2026	4.72%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	08/12/2025	23/12/2026	4.50%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	08/12/2025	30/12/2026	4.50%
Westpac*	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	03/11/2025	30/12/2026	4.32%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	18/12/2025	06/01/2027	4.61%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	16/02/2026	13/01/2027	4.85%
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/12/2025	13/01/2027	4.63%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/01/2026	20/01/2027	4.61%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	19/01/2026	27/01/2027	4.61%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/02/2026	10/02/2027	4.89%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	26/02/2026	24/02/2027	4.91%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	27/02/2026	10/03/2027	4.93%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	26/02/2026	10/03/2027	4.91%
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	11/03/2026	17/03/2027	5.15%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	02/03/2026	24/03/2027	4.93%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	10/03/2026	24/03/2027	5.07%
Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	25/03/2026	31/03/2027	5.36%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	13/04/2026	07/04/2027	5.55%
NAB	AA-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	13/03/2026	05/05/2027	5.23%

Rabobank Australia Limited*	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/09/2025	22/09/2027	4.00%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	14/10/2025	20/10/2027	4.14%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/11/2024	08/11/2027	5.07%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	20/11/2024	15/12/2027	5.07%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	05/03/2025	15/03/2028	4.62%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	02/12/2024	13/12/2028	4.95%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/12/2024	20/12/2028	4.81%
BOQ*	A-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	05/12/2024	10/01/2029	4.75%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/11/2024	07/05/2029	5.19%
ING Bank (Australia) Ltd	A	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	19/12/2024	12/12/2029	4.89%
TOTAL		148,500,000	(13,500,000)	135,000,000			

Floating Rate Notes

- The portfolio includes \$52.2M in FRNs (indicative value), making up 24.70% of the total portfolio.
- FRNs are classified as “held for trading” and are reported at indicative market value at month end.
- The indicative market value of the FRNs as of 30 April 2026 increased by ~\$47K 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.

Counterparty	Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Indicative Value (\$) 30 April 26	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ICBC Sydney Branch	A	1,700,000	1,699,699	18/06/2021	18/06/2026	3m BBSW + 58 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	1,750,000	1,749,783	15/09/2021	15/09/2026	3m BBSW + 48 bps
CBA	AA-	1,750,000	1,764,704	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	3m BBSW + 95 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	2,800,000	2,822,350	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	3m BBSW + 93 bps
NAB	AA-	3,200,000	3,233,910	16/11/2023	16/11/2028	3m BBSW + 103 bps

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Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	2,250,000	2,277,227	21/11/2023	21/11/2028	3m BBSW + 115 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	750,000	756,932	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	3m BBSW + 96 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	2,000,000	2,018,970	26/02/2024	26/02/2029	3m BBSW + 103 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	2,500,000	2,520,248	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	3m BBSW + 98 bps
ING	A	500,000	501,829	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	3m BBSW + 95 bps
NAB	AA-	1,800,000	1,814,087	22/03/2024	22/03/2029	3m BBSW + 90 bps
BOQ*	A-	2,500,000	2,532,315	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	3m BBSW + 128 bps
Bendigo and Adelaide*	A-	800,000	803,423	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	3m BBSW + 105 bps
ANZ Bank	AA-	1,500,000	1,509,962	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	3m BBSW + 86 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	1,900,000	1,912,175	17/07/2024	17/07/2029	3m BBSW + 87.6 bps
ING	A	2,700,000	2,723,028	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	3m BBSW + 91 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	3,300,000	3,321,071	27/09/2024	27/09/2029	3m BBSW + 92 bps
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,010,366	14/11/2024	14/11/2029	3m BBSW + 82 bps
ING	AAA	1,400,000	1,405,480	20/11/2024	20/11/2029	3m BBSW + 80 bps
Bendigo and Adelaide*	AAA	3,500,000	3,517,756	28/11/2024	28/11/2029	3m BBSW + 83 bps
CBA	AA-	1,500,000	1,509,192	9/01/2025	9/01/2030	3m BBSW + 84 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	1,000,000	1,001,924	27/01/2022	27/01/2027	3m BBSW + 73 bps
NAB	AA-	1,200,000	1,206,313	18/03/2025	18/03/2030	3m BBSW + 83 bps
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	700,000	704,491	21/05/2025	21/05/2030	3m BBSW + 93 bps
BOQ*	A-	2,500,000	2,500,090	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	3m BBSW + 77 bps
CBA	AA-	2,500,000	2,505,053	15/01/2026	15/01/2031	3m BBSW + 74 bps
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	1,000,000	999,274	22/01/2026	22/01/2031	3m BBSW + 75 bps
ING	A	900,000	896,641	13/02/2026	13/02/2031	3m BBSW + 75 bps
TOTAL		51,900,000	52,218,291			

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

Fixed Bonds

- The portfolio includes \$21.4M in Bonds (indicative value), making up 10.13% of the total portfolio.
- The indicative value reflects the amount Council would receive on 30 April 2026 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 (\$) 30 April 2026	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ING	AAA	1,794,762	1,780,087	19/08/21	19/08/26	1.10%
Westpac	AA-	2,495,875	2,392,760	19/06/25	19/06/30	4.30%
Suncorp (ANZ)	AA-	598,386	579,886	21/05/25	21/05/30	4.60%
NAB	AA-	1,199,268	1,164,863	18/03/25	18/03/30	4.60%
CBA	AA-	1,497,090	1,465,787	9/01/25	9/01/30	4.75%
Westpac	AA-	2,098,446	2,065,631	21/01/25	21/01/30	4.95%
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	4,500,000	4,297,388	10/07/25	10/07/30	4.30%
Macquarie Bank	A+	8,000,000	7,657,864	17/07/25	17/07/30	4.37%
Total		22,183,827	21,404,264			

Investment Compliance

No breaches of Council's Investment Policy were recorded during the reporting period.

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	36,469,078	17.25%	15%	100%
✓	91-365 days	86,033,623	40.70%	15%	100%
✓	1-2 years	12,803,423	6.06%	0%	70%
✓	2-5 years	76,085,811	35.99%	0%	50%
✓	5-10 years	-	-	0%	25%

Credit Quality

As at 30 April 2026, and based on long-term S&P ratings, Council remains compliant with policy limits across all counterparties. The investment portfolio is entirely allocated to assets rated "A" or higher, in line with Council's adopted policy framework.

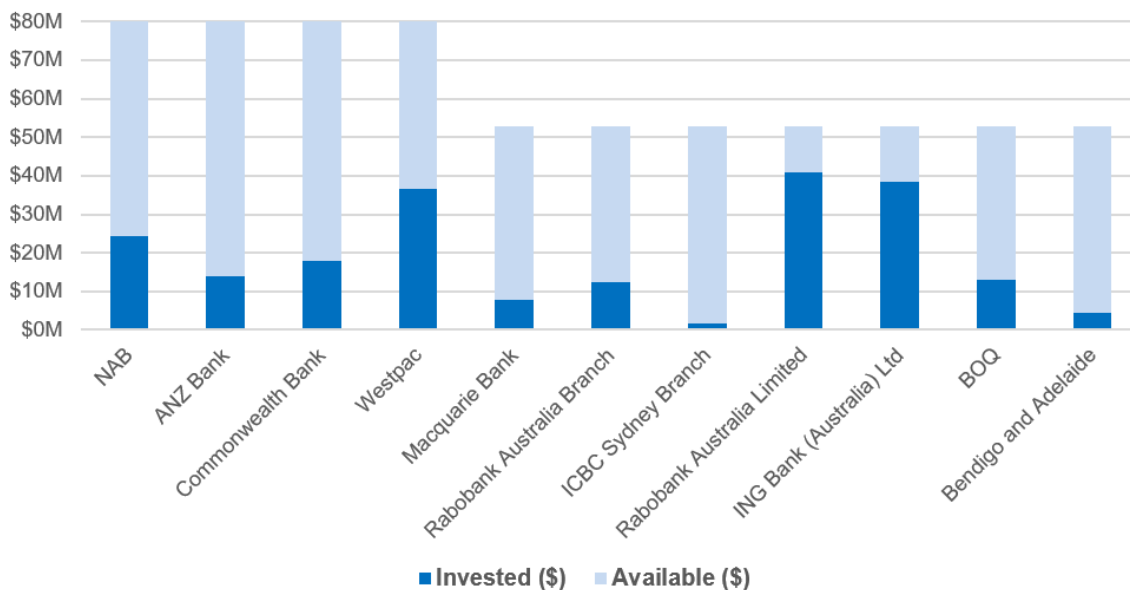
Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit	Available (\$)
✓	AAA Category	6,703,322	3.17%	100%	204,688,613
✓	AA Category	92,866,765	43.93%	100%	118,525,169
✓	A Category	111,821,848	52.90%	80%	57,291,700
✓	Unrated ADIs	-	-	0%	-

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 (\$)
✓	Bendigo Covered	AAA	3,517,756	1.66%	40%	81,039,018
✓	ING Covered	AAA	3,185,566	1.51%	40%	81,371,208
✓	ANZ	AA-	13,964,721	6.61%	40%	70,592,053
✓	CBA	AA-	18,014,113	8.52%	40%	66,542,661
✓	NAB	AA-	24,429,539	11.56%	40%	60,127,235
✓	Westpac	AA-	36,458,391	17.25%	40%	48,098,382
✓	Macquarie	A+	7,657,864	3.62%	25%	\$45,190,120
✓	Rabo. Aus. Bran.	A+	12,506,958	5.92%	25%	\$40,341,026
✓	ICBC	A	1,699,699	0.80%	25%	\$51,148,284
✓	ING Bank	A	35,121,499	16.61%	25%	\$17,726,485
✓	Rabo. Aus. Ltd	A	41,000,000	19.40%	25%	\$11,847,984
✓	Bendigo-Adel.	A-	803,423	0.38%	25%	\$52,044,560
✓	BoQ	A-	13,032,405	6.17%	25%	\$39,815,579

Counterparty Exposure



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.
Rabobank Australia Branch	Yes	Loaned to fossil fuels since 2016.
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.
Rabobank Australia Limited	No	Do not loan to fossil fuels.

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As at 30 April 2026, Council's ESG-aligned investments totalled \$58.35M, representing 27.60% of the overall portfolio. This reflects the continued integration of ESG considerations within Council's investment approach, in line with policy settings and market availability.

Institutions	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)
No exposure to fossil fuels	58,353,584	27.60%
Exposure to fossil fuels	151,338,652	71.59%
Not yet determined	1,699,699	0.8%

During the 2024–25 reporting period, new climate-related disclosure requirements were introduced nationally. Council staff, together with its investment advisor, continue to monitor these developments and assess opportunities to enhance future reporting.

As part of Council's ongoing ESG assessment, climate disclosures from major Australian banks have been reviewed, noting increasing integration of climate-related risks into governance and risk management frameworks, along with commitments to support the transition to a lower-carbon economy.

While transparency at an institutional level continues to improve, detailed ESG data at the individual investment level remains limited, which constrains more granular reporting at this stage.

Council continues to actively pursue suitable ESG-aligned investment opportunities within the parameters of its Investment Policy. Current holdings include approximately \$18M in Westpac Social Term Deposits and \$41M in Rabobank term deposits, supporting sustainable finance and agricultural lending. As the market continues to evolve, Council is well positioned to further strengthen ESG alignment while maintaining its core objectives of capital preservation, liquidity, and return.

Restricted Funds (Local Government Act 1993 s409)

The Council has significantly restricted cash set aside for future purposes. Restricted cash refers to funds set aside by Council for a purpose to meet future expenses and falls into two categories based on their use.

- External cash restrictions - These are funds received by Council where there is a legal obligation to use the funds for the purpose for which they were paid to Council such as a special rate variation, developer contribution or tied grants.
- Internal cash restrictions - These are funds set aside by resolution of Council for a particular purpose and these funds may be reallocated to a different purpose only by resolution of Council.

Unrestricted cash is funds that support daily operational requirements and can be used to cover unbudgeted expenses that cannot be funded from one of the reserves.

Council’s restricted and unrestricted funds as of 30 April 2026 are shown below.

Balance as at 30 April 2026	
Restricted Cash & Investments	\$
External restricted	86,304,661
Internal restricted	107,200,227
Total Restricted	193,504,888
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	18,046,248
Total Cash & Investments	<u>211,551,136</u>

Strategic alignment

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

Risks Analysis

Risk	Mitigation
Capital preservation risk	Council has implemented a diversification strategy by avoiding investment concentration in any single issuer. Council only engages 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 actively monitors cash flow requirements and market conditions to optimise returns within policy constraints. Portfolio performance is regularly benchmarked against the AusBond Bank Bill Index and reviewed with the investment advisor.
ESG and Fossil Fuel Exposure	Council will continue to gradually increase investments with fossil-fuel-free institutions, subject to credit rating standards and compliance with the Investment Policy. 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.

Resourcing Strategy implications

As of 30 April 2026, the investment portfolio continues to perform strongly, with interest income totaling \$7.79M, representing 119% of the current budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- Investment Ministerial Order 12 February 2011.

Conclusion

Council's investment strategy for the 2025–26 financial year continues to prioritise capital preservation and liquidity, while optimising returns within the parameters of the adopted Investment Policy.

As at 30 April 2026, all investments remain fully compliant with the Local Government Act 1993, associated regulations, and Council's Investment Policy. The portfolio is well positioned to support Council's operational and strategic objectives.

Responsible officer: Charlotte Vi, Assistant Accountant

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for the period ending 30 April 2026

Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer

made pursuant to Clause 212(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

I hereby certify that all investments as at 30 April 2026 have been made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy (adopted 25 Feb 2025).

I hereby certify that all investments as at 30 April 2026 meet the requirements of section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 including the Ministerial Investment Order (2011).

I hereby certify that all investments as at 30 April 2026, and this investment report, meet the requirements of clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.



Stephen Wong CFO
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

05 May 2026
Date

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO20/26

Subject: 2025-26 Quarterly Progress Report

Executive Summary

- Progress Reports provide an update on the progress towards the implementation of the four-year Delivery Program 2025-29 and one-year Operational Plan 2025-26.
- The Randwick City Council Operational Plan 2025-26 contains 320 activities reported in Table A relating to the Community Strategic Plan and Informing Strategies and 41 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 January 2026 – 31 March 2026 (Q3).
- Of the total 361 indicators, **98%** have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year, or have not yet commenced this quarter.
- Of the Table A activities, **97.5%** have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year, or have not yet commenced this quarter.
- **100%** of Table B activities have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year this quarter.

Recommendation

That the information contained in the attached Quarterly Progress Report for the 2025-26 Operational Plan be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1. [LINK TO VIEW](#) 2025-26 Q3 Quarterly Progress Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present 2025-26 Quarterly Progress to the Council.

The Quarterly Progress Report is a report on progress of the implementation of the Delivery Program 2025-29 and Operational Plan 2025-26.

This Report covers the progress over the third quarter of the 2025-26 financial year.

Discussion

The 2025-29 Delivery Program was adopted in June 2025 and covers the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029.

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

- a. Delivering the outcomes of the 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan (CSP); and
- b. Provide the ongoing services required by our community and comply with regulatory functions.

The Operational Plan details the individual projects and actions that will be undertaken each financial year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program. Each Operational Plan activity has at least one indicator to track performance against identified targets. The 2025-26 Operational Plan was adopted in June 2025 and is for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

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

What we measure

2025-26 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 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan and the seven Informing Strategies.

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

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

Performance Result	Example	Progress Indicator
Target achieved for year	Completed an amenity block upgrade project	●
Target achieved for quarter	SLA of 90% for requests in quarter	●
Partially completed project	25% of nominated bushland regenerated	●

Performance Result	Example	Progress Indicator
Target partially achieved	Completed 34 of 100 bookings	●
Maximum not exceeded	Serviced 20 litter bins of a maximum 500 service requests in year	●
Project not started	Construction of new park	●
Not achieved by target date	Complete 100% of review of draft policy in Q1	●
Not achieved in the quarter	Inspected only 10 of 15 nominated drains	●

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

- Achieved
- On track
- Not started
- Not achieved

Summary of Performance

In Quarter 3, there were 361 indicators tracking progress of the Operational Plan activities scheduled in the quarter:

- 320 indicators measured progress in delivering the outcomes of the 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plan and seven informing strategies (Table A)
- 41 indicators measured progress in providing the ongoing services required by our community and complying with regulatory obligations (Table B)

A summary of performance tracking for January – March 2026 is provided in the attached report. Contextual numbers are not included.

All Progress Indicators – 361 Indicators

Of the total 361 indicators, **98%** have been achieved or are on track to be completed in the financial year or have not yet commenced this quarter.

2025-26 Q3 Highlights in delivering outcomes from the Informing Strategies

- The Spot Festival was held on 23 March, featuring more than 15 performers across two stages, alongside over 25 food, market, information and charity stalls. The event attracted more than 13,000 attendees.
- The open street event Coogee Nights has enabled many businesses in Coogee to benefit from the increased footfall generated from the event in a quieter time of year for Coogee businesses.
- During the period 3,518 native plants were installed in association with streetscape garden installations, bushland and park plantings.
- In March, Council endorsed the Greening Randwick Framework, which consolidates multiple recent Council resolutions and initiatives into a single, coordinated program for urban greening across Randwick City.
- The Draft Social Cohesion and Multicultural Plan is currently on public exhibition until the end of April.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2025-29 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.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no direct financial implications for this report. The 2025-26 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 progress of all projects, programs, and services as set out in the adopted 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan.

Responsible officer: Edel Dickson, Coordinator Corporate Planning and Performance

File Reference: F2025/03001

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO21/26

Subject: 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government

CO21/26

Executive Summary

- The 2026 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 23-25 June 2026.
- The NGA is the principal conference of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the theme of this year's conference is '*Stronger Together. Resilient. Productive. United.*'
- Any motions for the NGA were to be tabled at the February 2026 Council meeting.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorses the attendance of interested Councillors at the 2026 National General Assembly in Canberra; and
- b) any Councillors interested in attending the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government advise the General Manager as soon as possible for registration purposes.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

This report seeks to endorse the attendance of interested Councillors at the 2026 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government.

Discussion

The 2026 NGA will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 23-25 June 2026.

Each year the ALGA holds a National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra where Councils from around Australia discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities. Motions passed at the NGA inform the ALGA’s strategic direction and national advocacy objectives.

The NGA is the principal conference of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the theme of this year’s conference is ‘Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United.’ This year’s NGA encourages debate on how councils can enhance their resilience, contribute meaningfully to the nation’s productivity agenda, and present a cohesive voice to the federal government on critical issues.

This conference provides Councillors with a unique opportunity to hear from the leaders in our sector and across government and provides unparalleled one on one access to the most influential decision makers in the nation. Any Councillors interested in attending the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government are asked to advise the General Manager as soon as possible for registration purposes.

Motions

The Councillors were invited to submit any proposed motions to the 24 February 2026 Council meeting for endorsement to meet the ALGA deadline of 27 February 2026.

Councillors were provided information in regard to motion submissions by email on 19 December 2025 and 19 January 2026 and also via the General Manager’s Update to Councillors on 6 February 2026.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 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.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Councillors’ attendance at conferences (including this conference) has been allowed for in the 2025-26 Budget.

Policy and legislative requirements

Councillors’ Expenses and Facilities Policy.

Conclusion

Attendance at the NGA is encouraged as this is an important conference for Local Government throughout Australia as it is the only conference where the States come together to discuss Local Government specific issues.

Responsible officer: Jade Maskiewicz, Coordinator Governance

File Reference: F2014/00272

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM37/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Free Overflow Nippers Parking at Broadarrow Reserve

NM37/26

Motion:

That Council;

- a) open Broadarrow Reserve for free overflow nippers parking on Sunday mornings when the Nippers program is taking place at the 2 surf clubs located at Maroubra Beach except when there is a forecast of wet weather.
- b) the forecast wet weather needs to be such that would significantly impact the numbers of persons attending the particular Nippers program on that Sunday morning; and
- c) the opening hours will be from 7am – 10am on these days

Background:

A notice of motion asking for this was defeated at both the November 2025 and February 2026 ordinary council meetings. Since the last one there has been more feedback from the surf clubs that Nipper numbers have been down due to a lack of parking. It is important that children learn water safety at a young age and as a council we should do what we can to ensure numbers are maximised.

In addition, there was widespread criticism of the council on social media following the defeat of the November 2025 and February 2026 notices of motion.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2023/00481

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM38/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - 25th Anniversary of the Bali Terrorist Bombings on 12th October 2027

Motion:

That Council:

- a) note that the Malabar Beach Bali memorial is a place of reflection and solace for the community and community members that have lost loved ones in Bali in this terrorist attack; and
- b) investigate a refurbishment plan to upgrade paving, solar lighting, enhanced landscaping, deep clean of plaques and plinth, and any relevant upgrades that are appropriate for this solemn place of reflection and solace.

Background:

I support our Precinct Motion.

The Matraville Precinct Committee calls upon all the RCC Councillors and RCC in particular those South Ward Councillors to fund under its DOPB 2026-2027 to refurbish the Malabar Beach Bali memorial bombing at Malabar for the 25th anniversary of the Bali terrorist bombings on 12 October 2002.

The funding should be from RCC and the State government community programs for a rededication upgrading paving around the 9 Pines, the 9 victims name stones. The refurbishment should include solar lighting over the Bali memorial plaque and plinth with enhanced landscaping.

The RCC should notify the families with invitation to all families of the 9 victims for a public rededication on the 25 anniversary of the Bali bombings on 12 October 2027.

Request that this motion be sent to both the Federal MP for Kingsford-Smith and the State MP for Maroubra for both their respective support including taxpayers funding from both levels of government to carry out this important community and public interest project.

Motion moved - Richard Smolenski

Source of funding:

Source of funding Proposed 2027/2028 Capital Budget

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2025/00439

NM38/26

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM39/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Making Cycling Safer in Randwick City Council LGA by using Bicycle Paths and Bicycle Lanes

Motion:

That council investigate CLEAR signage, markings and visuals across bicycle paths & bicycle lanes that encourage and remind cyclists across Randwick LGA, to use the Bicycle paths & Bicycle lanes provided across the roadway network of Randwick LGA, for a Safer Randwick City.

Background:

With increased Bicycle paths and Bicycle lanes across Randwick City Council LGA, it is important that cyclists are encouraged to use the Bicycle paths & Bicycle lanes rather than roadways. Encouraging riders through Clear signage, markings, visuals, education, for a Safer Randwick City.

Source of funding:

Source of funding 2026/2027 and possible Road Safety grants from NSW Government.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2010/00077

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM40/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - La Perouse Museum Audit of all Museum Items/Artifacts

Motion:

That Council:

- a) conduct an audit of all museum items with a breakdown by the Museum's Five Pillars themes; and
- b) provide a report of the breakdown of the Museum item list by the Five Pillars Themes.

Background:

That La Perouse Museum have detailed audit list of all Museum items by the Museum's Five Pillars themes. The Museum Five Pillars themes:

1. The Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal community of La Perouse
2. European arrivals including La Pérouse and the French Connection
3. The Environment
4. Science and Communication (the Cable Station)
5. The Social History of La Perouse and connections to Randwick. (Snake Man, Boomerang Man, Hill 60, Happy Valley, etc)

To understand the full breakdown by the Five Pillars Themes of La Perouse Museum artifacts and items, across the Five Pillars Themes.

Source of funding:

Source of funding 2026/2027

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2019/00092

NM40/26

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM41/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Boulevard Reserve Malabar Playground - Softfall

Motion:

That Council investigate the softfall treatment at Boulevard Reserve and its deterioration. It is breaking up and sprouting grass across the playground.

Background:

Boulevard Reserve Malabar Playground softfall treatment and its deterioration

Source of funding:

Source of funding 2026/2027

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2019/00686

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM42/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Wilson - 11A Dudley Street, Randwick

Motion:

That Council

- a) note community concerns raised regarding the potential heritage significance of the property located at 11A Dudley Street, Randwick;
- b) request that the General Manager urgently investigate the heritage significance of the property at 11A Dudley Street, Randwick, including preparation of an appropriate heritage assessment.
- c) if the investigation identifies that the property may have heritage significance and may be at risk of demolition, alteration or development that could compromise its heritage values, consider the making of an Interim Heritage Order under the Heritage Act 1977 to provide temporary protection while a full heritage assessment is undertaken; and
- d) receive a report outlining the findings of the heritage assessment and whether the property should be considered for inclusion as a heritage item in the Randwick Local Environmental Plan.

Background:

11A Dudley Street is a distinguished 1936 Art Deco apartment building of considerable architectural character and intactness, retaining a high degree of original fabric and detailing.

The building features original stained-glass windows, terrazzo stairwells, timber picture rails, and original internal door casements. These surviving elements collectively demonstrate the craftsmanship, material quality, and stylistic refinement characteristic of inter-war Art Deco residential architecture, contributing significantly to the building's heritage character and streetscape presence.



Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Wilson, East Ward

File Reference: F2019/01523

NM42/26

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM43/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Support for the Naming of the Crayweed Forest at Coogee - “Yanggaa Forest”

Motion:

That Council:

- a) support the proposed naming of the South Coogee underwater Crayweed forest as “Yanggaa Forest”;
- b) provide a formal letter of support to the relevant NSW geographical naming authority in support of the proposed name;
- c) investigate opportunities, subject to any required approvals, for appropriate interpretive signage or recognition of the Yanggaa Forest location to acknowledge its ecological, cultural, and community significance; and
- d) receive a brief report back on potential signage locations, estimated costs, and any approval requirements associated with the installation of interpretive signage.

Background:

South Coogee is home to a unique underwater forest formed by two important habitat-forming seaweeds: golden kelp (*Ecklonia radiata*) and crayweed (*Phyllospora comosa*). Crayweed disappeared from the Sydney coastline in the 1980s, likely due to poor water quality, and did not naturally recover despite significant environmental improvements.

Operation Crayweed, a collaborative project led by scientists from UNSW, USYD and SIMS, has been working to restore crayweed to Sydney for over a decade, with restoration beginning at Coogee in 2017. Today, South Coogee is one of the project’s most successful restoration sites and one of only six locations where golden kelp and restored crayweed now grow side by side.

As part of the “Forests Without Names” project, Operation Crayweed facilitated a community workshop and public vote to name this underwater forest.

The chosen name, “Yanggaa Forest,” uses the Dharawal word for crayfish, a species closely associated with crayweed habitat. The name recognises local Aboriginal culture, ecological restoration, marine biodiversity, and the significant community effort involved in restoring this important marine ecosystem.

Formal support from Council would assist the project proponents in progressing the proposed name through the relevant NSW geographical naming approval process.

Subject to approval, appropriate signage and recognition of the location would further enhance community awareness, education, and appreciation of the area’s unique marine environment.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Martin, East Ward

File Reference: F2023/00692

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM44/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Picnic Hut Repairs - Coogee Beach

Motion:

That Council:

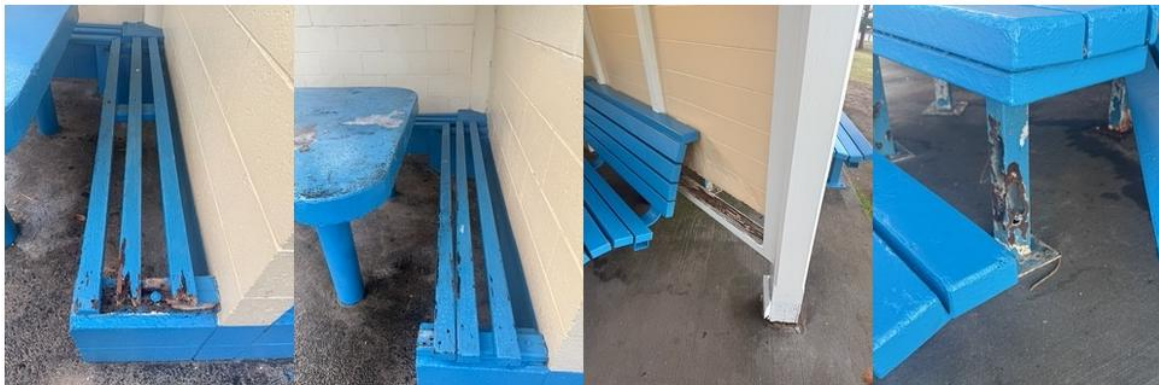
- a) investigate the current condition of the picnic huts at Coogee Beach;
- b) prepare a report identifying any required maintenance, repairs, or renewal works, including the condition of seating, roofing, tables, and surrounding infrastructure;
- c) undertake necessary repair and maintenance works where appropriate, with a focus on restoring and maintaining the existing structures rather than replacement or demolition where possible; and
- d) advise Councillors of any budget implications and the proposed timeframe for the works.

Background:

The picnic huts along Coogee Beach are well used by residents, families, visitors, and community groups throughout the year. In particular, the huts located at the northern end of the beach are showing signs of wear and deterioration.

Several of the seating areas and associated infrastructure appear in need of repair or replacement to ensure the huts remain safe, functional, and visually appealing for the community.

At this stage, the concern is not that the structures require demolition or complete replacement, but rather that maintenance and repair works be investigated and carried out to extend the life of these important community assets.



Source of funding:

Not required at this stage.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Martin, East Ward
File Reference: F2019/00686

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM45/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Water Station for Mclvers Ladies Baths

Motion:

That Council install in consultation with the executive of Mclver's Ladies Baths a water station for the use of patrons to be placed in a suitable location within the baths area, as a good will gesture to commemorate the 150 years since the Baths were formally gazetted by the then Randwick Borough as a women-only ocean baths in 1876. There currently is no water station facility at the site.

Background:

In 2026, the historic Mclver's Ladies Baths will mark an extraordinary milestone: 150 years since the Baths were formally gazetted by the then Randwick Borough as a women-only ocean baths in 1876.

Managed by the Randwick & Coogee Ladies Swimming Association Inc. since 1922, the Baths remain the last women-only ocean pool in Australia and one of the few remaining in the world — a rare and enduring place of safety, connection, recreation and belonging for generations of women and children.

Quietly perched on the sandstone coast between Coogee Surf Life Saving Club and Wylie's Baths, the Women's Baths have long held a special place in Sydney's cultural and social history. For more than 150 years, women from all walks of life have come to this unique coastal sanctuary to swim, heal, gather, learn, compete, grieve, celebrate and simply exist without scrutiny. From the era of restrictive mixed bathing laws in the late nineteenth century, through to today's conversations around inclusion, wellbeing and public space, the Baths continue to provide something increasingly rare in contemporary society: a place of her own.

The site also occupies an important place in Australia's sporting history. Early Olympic swimmers Fanny Durack and Mina Wylie trained in these waters, while countless everyday women have built confidence, resilience and community through ocean swimming at the Baths for generations. Today, the Baths welcome more than 60,000 patrons annually and are cared for by a passionate volunteer community who keep the facility open 365 days a year.

Source of funding:

2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Luxford, West Ward

File Reference: F2019/00686

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM46/26

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Moore Park Golf Course

Motion:

That Randwick Council Officers investigate and report back to the June Council meeting on the following issues that arise from the carve up of the Moore Park Golf Course and surrounding park lands:

1. Request from the Government results of all soil testing and where they have been carried out on the entire site to ensure transparency.
2. Request information about the needless removal of 40 trees and why this is necessary and how this could be prevented.
3. Make enquiries about the redevelopment of the Super Centre Moore Park into a mixed use retail centre and residential tower of great proportions that will replace the existing centre.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Luxford, West Ward

File Reference: F2005/00501

NM46/26