

Ordinary Council Meeting

Supplementary Business Paper

Tuesday 28 April 2026



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st floor Town Hall Building, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 7pm

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Ray Brownlee, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM14/26

Subject: Recognition of Local Government Excellence Awards Finalist Categories

Motion:

That Council acknowledge the extensive number of finalist nominations for Randwick Council across a range of categories, in the 2026 Local Government Excellence Awards.

Background:

Last week the finalists for the 2026 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards were announced. These awards are designed to celebrate excellence in Local Government.

Randwick Council have been selected as finalists in the following categories;

Category	Project Name
Festivals and Community Events (population between 50,000-150,000) <i>NEW CATEGORY</i>	Culture Vibes: Global Eats and Beats
First Nations Community Partnership (population over 100,000)	10 Years of Koojay Corroboree
Community Development (population over 100,000)	Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan Development
Innovative Leadership (population over 100,000)	La Perouse Museum Transformation
Special Project Initiative (population over 100,000)	Town Hall Takeover
Asset and Infrastructure - Under \$1.5 million	Woomera Reserve Playground, Outdoor Gym and Basketball Court
People, Workplace, Wellbeing (population over 100,000)	Flourish Women's Mentoring Program
Customer Experience (population over 100,000)	Do You Know Where Your Bin Is?
Environmental Leadership (population over 100,000)	The Saturday Circle - Repair & Share
Partnerships and Collaboration (population over 100,000)	Scores on Doors Partnership Implementation
Partnerships and Collaboration (population over 100,000)	WIRES Native Animal Recovery Centre
Risk Management	s7.12 Development Contributions - Interactive Dashboard
Emerging Leader of the Year	Emily Strautins, Bushcare Officer

The Awards are a celebration of groundbreaking projects and visionary leaders making a difference in our communities. They shine a spotlight on the extraordinary contributions of local government professionals and the innovation driving change across the sector.

On behalf of Council I offer congratulations to the finalist nominees and look forward to the award outcome announced at the LG Awards Dinner being held at Randwick Racecourse on Thursday 4 June.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2024/00143

Question with Notice No. QN4/26

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Asgari - Council Fuel Reserves and Operational Resilience

QN4/26

Questions:

1. What are the current fuel (petrol and diesel) reserves held by Council for standard operations and essential services, including but not limited to waste collection, road maintenance (including grading) and mowing?
2. What is the average fuel consumption required to maintain these services under normal operating conditions?
3. Are existing fuel reserves adequate in the event of supply disruptions and how long could essential services be maintained in the event of disruptions?
4. Are there any contingency plans currently in place to manage fuel shortages and ensure continuity of critical services?
5. What are the opportunities to improve fuel resilience are being investigated (e.g. alternative fuel sources, electrification of fleet assets, or on-site fuel storage capacity)?
6. What is being done to enhance Council's preparedness for potential fuel supply disruptions?

Response from Director City Services:

1. Randwick City Council Works Depot has a 40,000L storage tank. This tank was demobilised some years ago, however as of April 2026, the tank has been recommissioned and is being filled.
2. The average usage is 46,644 L for fleet and passenger vehicles per month.
3. Should Council be required to move to essential services only, the onsite works depot storage tank will support the operational requirements of Council for an additional 8 weeks.
4. Business Continuity Plans have been developed to ensure continued service delivery for the continued delivery of operations.
 - i. Waste Collections,
 - ii. Lifeguards Services,
 - iii. Infrastructure Services, and
 - iv. Ranger Services
5. Council Officers continue to work with our fuel supplier, Ampol to service our fleet with the required fuel reserves at petrol stations. The supplier provides continued updates to Council in relation to availability. At this stage, supply is available. Council continues to electrify our fleet in various ways. In 2026, 10% of Council's fleet will be electric. Council's Works Depot and Administration Buildings in 2025, were upgraded with EV chargers. Randwick City Council Works Depot has recommissioned a 40,000L storage tank.
6. The General Manager has activated Council's Incident Management Team (IMT) in response to current fuel security issues affecting services and the community. The IMT consists of trained managers from across the organisation. The IMT can be activated for various disruptions such as floods, storms, fuel shortages, pandemics, IT failures, bushfires, and heat events.

Its role is to coordinate preparedness and response by ensuring appropriate resources,

clear decision-making, effective communication, strong internal and external coordination, clarified roles, efficient resource management, and prioritisation of community safety and stakeholder support.

The IMT is developing strategies to manage potential fuel supply restrictions, with a focus on maintaining essential Council services and a consistent, organisation-wide response.

Current actions to improve preparedness include:

- Business Continuity Plans for Waste Collection, Lifeguard Services, Infrastructure Services, and Ranger Services
- Review of essential and non-essential services, including work-from-home options
- Repair and filling of Councils Works Depot 40,000L onsite fuel storage tank
- Collaboration with waste contractors and other local governments
- Investigation of potential financial impacts, including fuel costs and contract conditions.

Submitted by: Councillor Asgari, East Ward

File Reference: F2023/00240

Question with Notice No. QN5/26

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Magner - Fleet Electrification, Fuel Security and progress toward the 2030 Net Zero Fleet Target

QN5/26

Questions:

1. What is the current composition of Council’s vehicle fleet, and what progress has been made against the adopted 2030 net zero fleet target?
2. What operational and budget exposure does Council face from the current fuel supply disruption and sustained diesel price rises?
3. What charging infrastructure, procurement changes, and grant opportunities are in train to accelerate the transition to a zero emission fleet?
4. Can Council Officers provide an update on any other measures Council has brought forward in response to the current fuel supply crisis?

Background:

With the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the Middle East conflict disrupting global oil flows Australia is in the grip of a serious fuel supply crisis.

The crisis has exposed the operational risk carried by diesel and petrol dependent fleets. Electrifying Council’s fleet advances our 2030 net zero target. It also reduces exposure to oil price shocks and supply shocks. Fleet electrification is both a climate measure and a risk mitigation measure.

Response from Director City Services:

1.

Class	Number of Assets				
	Electric	Hybrid	Petrol	Diesel	Total
Operational	1	0	7	88	96
Light Commercial Vehicle	2	0	0	53	55
Passenger Vehicle	3	108	3	0	114
Bike	5	0	0	0	5
Total	11	108	10	141	270
Percentage	4%	40%	4%	52%	100%

Vehicles are on order for the ranger services fleet comprising of seven (7) electric vehicles and five (5) electric / hybrid vehicles. Two (2) electric / hybrid utilities are being ordered as a trial evaluation to consider if fit for purpose and that they are not impacting Council’s operations.

For delivery to Council prior to the end of this financial year are one (1) electric 8 tonne tipper truck for the collection of recyclable material and one (1) compact footpath sweeper for cleaning activities in the CBD and beachfront areas.

Increasing the electric vehicle fleet to 10%.

2. Like all organisations, Council faces increased operational and financial exposure due to fuel supply disruptions and sustained rises in fuel prices. Operationally, there is a heightened risk to the continued delivery of essential services that rely on diesel-powered

fleet, plant, and contractors, potentially leading to service prioritisation, reduced productivity, and deferred works. Supply constraints and fuel volatility also impact contractor availability and pricing, further affecting service delivery.

From a budget perspective, higher fuel costs place immediate pressure on operating budgets and flow through to increased contractor rates, material costs, and capital project expenses. This creates risks of budget overruns, reduced project scope, and delays to maintenance and renewal programs, which can in turn increase long-term asset deterioration and public liability exposure.

Council Officers have identified projects at risk which have been previously advised to the ARIC and Councillors. These projects will be monitored throughout their lifecycle to minimise the risk where possible to Council.

3. Council has recently commissioned an additional 36 electric vehicle charging ports, resulting in a total of 41 altogether, to support transition of the fleet from petrol and diesel vehicles to battery electric alternatives. This included the installation of a higher capacity charger within the depot truck shed to facilitate trialling heavy fleet vehicles.

Council is currently considering available funding opportunities available from the NSW Government's EV Fleets Incentive Program to support the purchase of additional electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure. Staff are also investigating opportunities under the NSW Government's Council Capacity Building Funding Round.

4. The General Manager has activated Council's Incident Management Team (IMT) in response to current fuel security issues affecting services and the community. The IMT consists of trained managers from across the organisation. The IMT can be activated for various disruptions such as floods, storms, fuel shortages, pandemics, IT failures, bushfires, and heat events.

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Submitted by: Councillor Magner, North Ward

File Reference: F2006/00075

Question with Notice No. QN6/26

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Veitch - Progress Update - Electrification of Council Fleet

QN6/26

Questions:

1. What is the makeup of the council vehicle fleet, including quantity and percentage by:
 - a. Vehicle class;
 - b. Electric;
 - c. Hybrid;
 - d. Petrol;
 - e. Diesel;
2. What is the council fleet's annual fuel / energy consumption, for each year in the period 2020-2025 for;
 - a. Electric;
 - b. Hybrid;
 - c. Petrol;
 - d. Diesel.
3. What is the status of council plans to increase the percentage of electric vehicles in our fleet? What is our 2030 target?
4. What is the status of council plans to reduce the fleet's annual consumption of petrol and diesel fuel? What is our 2030 target?

Response from Director City Services:

1.

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	Electric	Hybrid	Petrol	Diesel	Total
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2. Council officers will collate the requested information for a five year period and it will be provided to Council in a future General Managers Update.
3. Vehicles are on order for the ranger services fleet comprising of seven (7) electric vehicles and five (5) electric / hybrid vehicles. Two (2) electric / hybrid utilities are being ordered as a trial evaluation to consider if fit for purpose and that they are not impacting Council's operations.

For delivery to Council prior to the end of this financial year are one (1) electric 8 tonne tipper truck for the collection of recyclable material and one (1) compact footpath sweeper for cleaning activities in the CBD and beachfront areas. Increasing the electric vehicle

fleet to 10% in 2026.

4. Council will continue to research, review and evaluate fleet options that meet operational requirements and are cost effective and can be supported by our EV charging infrastructure capacity. Councils corporate target is for net zero greenhouse gas emissions in Councils own operations by 2030.

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2006/00075

Question with Notice No. QN7/26

**Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Martin - Coogee Playground
(Stan Windon Memorial Playground)**

QN7/26

Question:

1. What is the current status of the children's playground at Stan Windon Memorial Playground, Coogee?
2. What works have been identified or approved for a partial upgrade, renewal or maintenance of this playground?
3. What is the anticipated timeline for commencement of any planned works?
4. What is the expected completion date for the playground works?
5. What funding allocation has been made for this playground in the 2025/2026 Capital Works Budget?
6. Are there any future budget allocations planned for 2026/2027, or external funding sources identified?
7. What is the total estimated cost of the proposed works?
8. Will the upgrade include improvements such as shade, accessibility, inclusive play equipment and seating for parents/carers?

Response from Director City Services

1. The playground (Grant Reserve / Stan Windon Memorial Playground) remains open but is in a degraded condition, with recent PlayFix inspections identifying the need for immediate upgrade. An interim, staged refurbishment has been proposed to manage safety risks while maintaining activation of the site whilst awaiting future capital works funding.
2. A staged interim refurbishment has been identified and recommended for delivery, comprising of three stages:

Stage 1 – Swing Area

- Removal of existing swing set and unsafe softfall
- Excavation to 400 mm and replacement with compliant play mulch
- Temporary fencing during works
- Installation of a new double swing and nest swing

Stage 2 – Climbing Area

- Removal of the existing climbing net and softfall
- Excavation and reinstatement with compliant play sand
- Installation of a new climbing structure
- Remediation of adjacent turf areas

Stage 3 – Nature Play and Wildflower Zone

- Removal of additional softfall surfacing
- Partial deconstruction of the existing timber structure (retaining poles in situ)
- Conversion of former softfall areas to coastal wildflower planting
- Installation of play mulch, rope play and climbing elements
- Retreatment of retained timber poles

These works focus on continued use, and interim play value, rather than a full playground renewal.

3. An immediate project commencement is proposed, with works programmed to begin in mid-2026, subject to final scheduling and operational considerations.
4. Staged installation and construction are targeted across Autumn–Winter 2026, with the playground expected to be fully operational in late 2026.
5. An allocation of \$200,000 has been made for the playground upgrade.
6. \$1,000,000 has been included in the 4-year capital works program in both 27/28 and 28/29 (\$2 million in total)
7. The total estimated cost of the proposed staged work is approximately \$150,000, inclusive of all three stages. This sits within the \$200,000 allocated budget, allowing for contingencies associated with coastal conditions and staged delivery. This includes the cost of several pieces of play equipment that are proposed to be re-used at other parks when the final playground design is completed in 2027.
8. The interim upgrade focuses primarily on safety, renewal of play elements, and maintaining activation of the site. The works introduce new play equipment, including a nest swing and climbing structures. A nature-based play and planting zone is included to enhance amenity and informal play opportunities.

This activation does not specifically identify new shade structures, upgraded seating, or targeted accessibility/inclusive play features as part of this interim scope due to cost constraints. These elements are intended to be explored through community feedback and incorporated into the future, full playground renewal when longer-term funding is secured.

Submitted by: Councillor Martin, East Ward

File Reference: F2023/00175

Question with Notice No. QN8/26

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Hamilton - Parking Meters

Questions:

1. Will parking meters be deactivated during the winter period? If so, for what dates and locations will this apply?
2. Are there any other times of the year (e.g. public holidays, off-peak periods) when parking meters will be turned off?
3. With the proposed installation of parking meters in areas surrounding beaches, will parents or guardians transporting children to activities such as Nippers be required to pay for parking during those times?
4. What is the total annual revenue generated by existing parking meters in Coogee?
5. If parking meters are introduced in additional locations, will there be any changes to the current pricing structure for parking meters in Coogee?
6. How many residential parking permits are currently provided free of charge per household?
7. What is the cost of additional parking permits for Randwick residents beyond the allocated free permits?
8. Do we have an indicative cost of installing parking meters, and how much is it?

Response from Director City Services:

1. Council officers are currently collating and reviewing the responses from the community to the Visitor Beach Parking proposal. Council officers will be considering the responses and bringing a report back to Council outlining the proposals for Councils consideration.

This detailed information would be part of the proposed report and is likely to consider different approaches to different locations in the Randwick.

2. Please see response to Question 1.
3. Council has met with our four surf clubs as part of the consultation and engagement process. The surf clubs have requested that Council consider not activating paid parking during nippers activities. Council is looking to incorporate this measure in the proposal that is to be reported back to Council.
4. \$1.1million per year
5. Council officers are currently collating and reviewing the responses from the community to the Visitor Beach Parking proposal. As part of the report for Councils consideration, will be a range of proposed pricing structures for different locations, periods of the year and time of the day.
6. Please see extract from Councils website. [Resident Parking permits - Randwick City Council](#).

Permit number	1 year
1st permit	\$59.00
2nd permit	\$150.00
Pensioner - 1st permit per household	Exempt
Replacement or Transfer of Permit (lost or damaged)	\$26.00

7. Council officers are currently collating and reviewing the responses from the community to the Visitor Beach Parking proposal. As part of the report for Councils consideration, will be a range of proposed pricing structures for different locations, periods of the year and time of the day. The type of permits beyond the allocated free permits will be included in the Council report.
8. This information was provided to Council from a supplier as previously advised to Council in the February 2026 Council Meeting and is commercial in confidence. Should Council determine to purchase parking meters in the future this may prejudice the position of Council in a competitive market procurement process.

Submitted by: Councillor Hamilton, North Ward

File Reference: F2025/00797