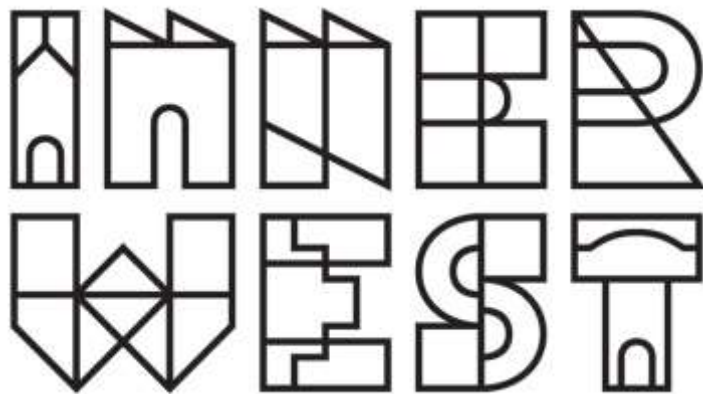


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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020

6.30pm

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Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held remotely and livestreamed on Council's website on 13 October 2020

Meeting commenced at 7.11 pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Victor Macri	Deputy Mayor
Marghanita Da Cruz	Councillor
Mark Drury	Councillor
Lucille McKenna OAM	Councillor
Colin Hesse	Councillor
Tom Kiat	Councillor
Pauline Lockie	Councillor
Julie Passas	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
John Stamolis	Councillor
Louise Steer	Councillor
Anna York	Councillor
Elizabeth Richardson	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Cathy Edwards-Davis	Director Infrastructure
Katherine Paixao	Acting Governance Manager
Carmelina Giannini	Governance Support Officer

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Byrne/Hesse)

THAT apologies from Councillor Iskandar be accepted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Hesse/McKenna OAM)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Motion: (Da Cruz/Drury)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- Recording Councillors Da Cruz, Passas and Stamolis as absent for the vote on Item 1 Confidential Staff Matter (points 1-4); and
- Recording Councillors Da Cruz, Passas and Stamolis as re-entering the meeting at 8.45pm on 1 October following an adjournment.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

The registered speakers were asked to address the meeting. The list of speakers is available on the last page of these minutes.

C1020(1) Item 1 Use of Technology in Parking Management and Enforcement

Motion: (Byrne/Kiat)

THAT:

1. Council receive and note the ARRB report entitled 'Use of Technology in Parking Management and Enforcement';
2. Council commit to undergoing staff and community consultation, particularly with residents and affected business owners, before supporting a change to the existing parking management and enforcement system; and
3. Council receive a briefing addressing the recommendations of the ABBR report with respect to:
 - a) The likely impacts on existing parking enforcement staff and possible implications for internal redeployment;
 - b) Comparative financial analysis of the status quo and the recommendations;
 - c) Evidence supporting the need, if any, for investment in a system of bay sensors, camera bay monitoring and LPR camera based occupancy in non-ticketed time restricted parking areas in Ashfield, Summer Hill and Dulwich Hill; and
 - d) How the Inner West community could be best consulted on the options available to Council.

4. The Mayor convene a meeting for Council with Parking Australia, including interested Councillors, to inform Council of all options for the upcoming tender for the provision of parking technology.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Nil

Foreshadowed Motion (Stamolis/Passas)

THAT Council defer this item for a briefing.

The Mayor ruled this out of order as point 3 of the primary motion calls for a briefing.

C1020(1) Item 2 Arlington Recreation Reserve-Adoption of Operational Plan

Motion: (Macri/Byrne)

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Arlington Recreation Reserve Operational Plan and commence work on the establishment of the Arlington Recreational Reserve Operation Committee; and
2. Investigate a solution whether it be a sound wall barrier or tree planting to reduce the impact of noise on the residents.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Drury, Macri, Raciti and York
Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Passas, Stamolis and Steer

Foreshadowed Motion (Kiat/Hesse)

THAT this item be deferred for consultation with local residents, prior to report back to Council for adoption, and that the following matters be addressed in that consultation:

1. That the hours of operation be reviewed including options of weekend day closures;
2. Insert escalation point for complaints to Council following complaint being reported to Community Liaison Representative;
3. Establish clear guidelines for acceptable noise impact on neighbouring residences and mechanism for reporting;
4. That selection criteria be developed for community representatives
5. Local resident representatives on Committee must be from immediate vicinity, not members of the sports playing at Arlington Reserve, and may request Council

convene meetings once per month if required to address unresolved issues impacting local residents.

6. The impact of traffic and noise on local residents to be a standing item on the Committee agenda, with the Committee to adopt the goal of improving traffic and noise issues over time; and
7. Investigate a solution whether it be a sound wall barrier or tree planting to reduce the impact of noise on the residents.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Cr Drury

C1020(1) Item 3 Lease of Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Kiosk

Motion: (Stamolis/Byrne)

THAT Council as the land manager of Leichhardt Park (D500207):

1. Resolves to grant a five (5) year Lease of Part of Leichhardt Park known as LPAC Café and Kiosk to Phillip and Robert Falato (Tenants) for use as a Café and Kiosk; and
2. Authorises the CEO or delegate to negotiate, finalise terms and execute the Lease documentation

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Nil

The Mayor, Clr Byrne retired from the meeting and vacated the chair at 8.18pm. The Deputy Mayor, Clr Macri assumed the chair.

C1020(1) Item 4 2019/20 Annual Designated Person Disclosure (Pecuniary Interest) Returns

Motion: (Macri/Stamolis)

THAT Council note the tabling of Pecuniary Interest Returns of Councillors and Designated Staff for the return period 30 June 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Cr Byrne

C1020(1) Item 5 Investment Report as at 31 August 2020

Motion: (Macri/Hesse)

THAT the report be received and noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Councillor York left the Meeting at 8:33 pm.

C1020(1) Item 6 Notice of Motion: No to Incineration of Inner West Waste

Motion: (Da Cruz/Steer)

THAT Council:

- 1. Adopts principles of avoidance, resource recovery and the circular economy in providing domestic waste services;**
- 2. Incorporate avoidance, resource recovery and the circular economy in our planning instruments;**
- 3. Include information for residents on website about recycling construction waste;**
- 4. Reports on the breakdown of materials used in our Capital Works projects as new, reused and recycled;**
- 5. Reports on the website where materials collected in our kerbside collections, parks and streets maintenance go;**
- 6. Prohibits council's contractors from channelling domestic and commercial (except medical) waste collected in the LGA to incineration; and**
- 7. Opposes the construction of incinerators euphemistically called “waste to energy” and “thermal treatment plant” in Matraville, Eastern Creek, Blacktown, Lithgow and Wollondilly, Portland and elsewhere in NSW.**
- 8. Investigate the implementation of onsite composting in new multi-unit dwellings in the upcoming LEP or DCPs.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis and Steer

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs Byrne and York

Amendment (McKenna OAM/Macri)

THAT point 7 of the primary motion be amended to ‘Opposes the construction of new incinerators for the primary Treatment of household putrescible waste in Matraville, Eastern Creek, Blacktown, Lithgow, Wollondilly, Portland and elsewhere in NSW.’

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Drury, Macri, McKenna OAM and Raciti

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Passas, Stamolis and Steer

Absent: Crs Byrne and York

Councillor York returned to the Meeting at 8:54 pm

C1020(1) Item 7 Notice of Motion: Continuation of Remote Access to Council Meetings for the Public

Motion: (Hesse/Lockie)

THAT Council:

1. Write to the Minister for Local Government in NSW, The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, and request that the NSW Government amend the NSW Local Government Act 1993 to permanently allow Councillors to speak and vote at Council meetings by audio-visual conferencing facilities with the aim on increasing participation in local government;
2. Receive a report on permanently extend the right of residents to speak by audio-visual link at Council meetings; and
3. Staff investigate the appropriate audio-visual technology and costs to support its installation, and report back to Council by February 2021.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM, Steer and York

Against Motion: Crs Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis

Absent: Cr Byrne

C1020(1) Item 8 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Safety

Motion: (Hesse/Macri)

THAT Council:

1. List for work renewing the center line marking for the shared pedestrian and bicycle path alongside Cooks River between Illawarra Road, to Richardsons Crescent Marrickville, then to Kendrick Park Tempe;
2. Review shared path signs at the beginning of and throughout the path to remind walkers and cyclists to be aware; and
3. Work with Transport for NSW and the Police to provide pedestrian crossings in association with the existing pedestrian/cycling refuges between Steel Park and Mahoney Park at Illawarra Road Marrickville and across Wardell Road Marrickville, linking the golf course.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Cr Drury

Absent: Cr Byrne

REPORTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

C1020(1) Item 9 Whites Creek Valley Park-Revocation of Companion Animal off Leash Status- Piper Street to Brenan Street Walkway

Motion: (Macri/Stamolis)

THAT Council revoke the existing declaration in respect of the public off-leash walkway (in Whites Creek Valley Park) which runs the length of Piper Street to Brenan Street and reinstate this area as an on-leash walkway.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Confidential Session

Motion: (Macri/Kiat)

THAT Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the following matter be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reasons provided:

C1020(1) Item 1036 Lonsdale Street & 64-70 Brenan Street, Lilyfield – Voluntary Planning Agreement (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Motion: (Macri/Raciti)

THAT Council move back into the Open Session of the Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

C1020(1) Item 10 36 Lonsdale Street & 64-70 Brenan Street, Lilyfield – Voluntary Planning Agreement

Motion: (McKenna OAM/Macri)

THAT the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement for 36 Lonsdale street & 64-70 Brenan Street, Lilyfield be:

- 1. Endorsed in principle, subject to JRNN Pty Ltd (the proponent):**
 - a) Monetary contribution of \$1,695,000 payable to Council to be used for affordable housing or public domain upgrades.**
- 2. Placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days; and**
- 3. Reported back to Council after public exhibition.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Crs Hesse and Kiat

Absent: Cr Byrne

Amendment (Kiat/Hesse)

THAT the following points be added after point 1a in the Primary Motion:

- b) At least 50% of the monetary contribution to be used for affordable housing by dedication into the Affordable Housing Fund; and**
- c) For any additional floor space above 1.27:1, Council will receive an additional \$1,215/sqm.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, McKenna OAM and Steer

Against Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Macri, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis and York

Absent: Cr Byrne

Urgency Motion: Warren Road Traffic Issue

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Macri requested the meeting consider an urgency motion in regards to Warren Road Traffic Issue.

Motion: (Macri/Hesse)

THAT the matter be considered urgently.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

The Chair, Councillor Macri ruled this matter urgent.

Motion: (Macri/Hesse)

THAT the Mayor write to the Minister for Transport for NSW regarding the importance of the traffic issue on Warren Road with accidents mounting and a second death on the street and is a real issue if nothing is done quickly.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Macri/Hesse)

THAT apologies for Councillor Porteous be accepted and leave of absence granted for the month of October 2020 due to personal reasons.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Da Cruz, Drury, Hesse, Kiat, Lockie, Macri, McKenna OAM, Passas, Raciti, Stamolis, Steer and York

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Meeting closed at 9.19pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 2:	Suzana Cosic	Dulwich Hill
	Rossano Stellato	Dulwich Hill
Item 6:	Chris Hanson	Little Bay

Item No: C1020(2) Item 1

Subject: ADOPTION - TEMPE RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Prepared By: Aaron Callaghan - Parks and Recreation Planning Manager

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management as pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in accordance with 3.23(6) of the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016*.

DISCUSSION

On 28th April 2020 Council endorsed a Draft Plan of Management for Tempe Reserve. Following endorsement, the draft Plan was submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands. The Plan of Management was reviewed by the Crown and was confirmed to satisfy the requirements under section 3.23 of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 on 27th September 2020. Subsequently on receipt of this confirmation, the Draft Plan of Management was exhibited by Council for additional community input from the 29 August 2020 to 27 September 2020. A full summary of the community feedback can be viewed in the Community Engagement report:

<https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/46751/widgets/267373/documents/184084>

In addition to the above Council officers also held an online engagement session with the Mayor and key stakeholders on 21st September 2020. Following the outcomes of the community engagement a revised plan of management and master plan has been developed for Tempe Reserve (**Attachments 1 and 2**). The Master Plan for Tempe Reserve can be viewed from Page 53-61 of **Attachment 1**. Key highlights from the final community engagement process include:

1. Leasing and licencing arrangements within the park in relation to a future synthetic surface
2. Flooring types within the Robyn Webster Centre
3. Continuation of the boat builders yard and Tempe Basin Motor Boat Association within the park. A number of email submissions were received in support of the motor boat association continuing within the park this has also been referenced in the engagement report.
4. Support for the provision of facilities including the request for additional Tennis Courts

In relation to the highlighted points above:

- Future leasing and licensing of the synthetic surface will be subject to a detailed Expression of interest process with community-based sporting clubs and public schools. This expression of interest process will be approved by Council prior to public notification.
- Flooring repairs to the Robyn Webster facility are not part of the Plan of Management and are being managed separately as part of operational works. No change to the

current timber floor is proposed and only repairs are being initiated. All major stakeholders are being kept up to date with these works.

- Tempe Basin Motorboat Association- Council will be briefed separately on the Tempe Basin Motorboat Association and their activities within the park. The Plan does not preclude their ongoing operations.
- Tennis Court Provision- Support for the future Tennis Courts in the recreation precinct has been highlighted in the Plan of Management. Current proposals which involve a temporary dog off leash area on the site of the future tennis courts, has been noted as a temporary arrangement only. These arrangements will cease upon completion of the Sydney Gateway works once a new dog of leash area is opened in the upper area of the park. Subject to future Council funding new tennis courts will be constructed to address highlighted recreational needs.

Key Changes since the Draft Exhibition

In response to the feedback received from the community, the following amendments have been made to the Plan of Management and Master Plan:

1. Two additional tennis courts have been added to the Master Plan with a total of 5 courts now included.
2. The Master Plan proposes that the fencing around the model motor car track be removed to allow for flexible use of the space including scooter and bike riding/training.
3. There were concerns that there was not enough seating or shelter around the sporting fields. The Master Plan has been amended to provide additional seating and shelters.
4. The Master Plan proposed a carpark on the existing motorboat dry dock. The Plan of Management and Master Plan has been amended to allow for a recreation boating, boat maintenance and storage facility, including future dragon boating. The Plan of Management allows for this to be a long-term lease or short-term licence.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adoption of this Plan of Management will allow Council to proceed with capital improvement works at Tempe Reserve, including the delivery of the artificial synthetic surface program. A costed capital works program will be developed over the lifetime of the Plan of Management as adopted priority actions are further developed.

Attachments 1 and 2 have been published separately in the Attachments Document on Council's Website <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/council-meetings/current-council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS

1. ➡ Tempe Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan – **Published separately on Council's Website**
2. ➡ Tempe Reserve Plan of Management Appendix – **Published separately on Council's Website**

Item No: C1020(2) Item 2

Subject: PROPOSED 'INNER WEST FEST 2021' PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO ONGOING COVID-19 IMPACTS

Prepared By: Michael Daly - Events Manager

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the *Inner West Fest 2021* proposal as an alternative events program for 2021 due to COVID-19 impacts.

DISCUSSION

Covid-19 has made delivery of large-scale Council events such as Bairro Portugues, Marrickville Festival and Dulwich Hill Festival uncertain for the foreseeable future. Inner West businesses in the creative, hospitality and related industries have been hit hard by the impact of Covid-19. Research indicates people are currently not comfortable returning to their previous behaviours such as attending large-scale mass gatherings.

In response to the Covid-19 impacts on the Inner West community it is proposed that IWC introduce a community led activation model which can focus on multiple smaller gatherings that operate within government restrictions. By offering a Covid-19 safe calendar of event activations for 2021, this model will ensure that community and cultural activities can take place in the Inner West that will contribute to local businesses, creatives, cultural groups and our community as a whole.

The proposed *Inner West Fest 2021* is an activation program created by the community in conjunction with IWC that focuses on reconnecting the community that is emerging and adapting to Covid-19 restrictions.

The *Inner West Fest 2021* Activation Model will:

- align with Council's pre-Covid-19 events program
- activate Inner West precincts previously not attached to a legacy event
- generate incomes into businesses impacted by Covid-19 including the creative and hospitality sectors, increasing footfall into businesses and increasing economic development activity
- provide an opportunity for the community to reconnect
- utilise existing spaces with controlled capacities ensuring that event activations are Covid-19 safe.

Given the significant uncertainty regarding the return of large-scale festivals into the foreseeable future, this initiative will replace all of Council's large-scale festivals that were scheduled for 2021, whilst civic programs such as Anzac Day, International Women's Day, etc., will be delivered in a Covid-19 safe manner within government restrictions. The program will be designed in two stages (six months each) to build in flexibility and responsiveness regarding to potential changing public health restrictions. Currently the NSW Health Public Health Orders permit a maximum of 500 people to gather in an outdoor public place, for a musical performance only. Indoors activations are permitted larger numbers under certain conditions.

The *Inner West Fest 2021* programs will be developed in a way that will mirror the timing and locations of Council's scheduled events and festivals program that cannot be delivered due to COVID impacts. Proposed timings for precinct-based festivals will be as follows:

Ward	Suburbs	Tentative dates
20/21 Financial year		
Baludarri	Lilyfield, Rozelle, Balmain, Balmain East, Birchgrove	12-28 March 2021
Gulgadya	Croydon, Haberfield, Leichhardt, Annandale	14-23 May 2021
21/22 Financial year		
Djarrawunang*	Ashfield, Summer Hill, Dulwich Hill, Croydon Park	17-26 September 2021
Midjuburi*	Marrickville, St Peters, Sydenham, Tempe	15-24 October 2021
Damun*	Camperdown, Petersham, Lewisham, Newtown, Stanmore, Enmore	19-28 November 2021

*Pending budget approval in 2021/22 Operational Budget.

This proposal also responds to calls from the creative sector seeking greater support due to the significant Covid-19 impacts. IWC will invite business owners, creative collectives, local artists, neighbours and community groups to apply as part of an Expression of Interest process, which will encourage applications with innovative ideas and concepts.

Funds from IWC's budgeted events program would be made available for this initiative. It is estimated that in the order of \$400,000 can be applied to this program over 2021 from Council's current event budget due to the Covid-19 impacts on event delivery. This will allow for the even distribution of funds across the five *Inner West Fest 2021* festivals. Successful applicants will receive funds as per an agreed budget and be assigned an experienced event producer from Council to support the development of the project by providing expertise and advice. Successful applicants will be the lead on their project, with support from Council through development to delivery.

Proposed Schedule & Marketing

November 20	Program announcement
November 20	EOI's open for events taking place March – June 2021
November 20	EOI's close
December 20	Successful projects for March – June announced
February 21	Review government restrictions to determine commencement of Stage 2
February 21	EOI's open for events taking place September – November 2021
March 21	Stage 1 – BALUDARRI and GULGADYA festivals commence (funded by 20/21 budget)
April 21	Successful projects for July – November announced
July 21	Funds released for 21/22 events from EOI process
September – November 21	Stage 2 – DJARRAWUNANG, MIDJUBURI and DAMUN festivals commence (funded by 21/22 budget)

A focused marketing campaign will be devised to individually promote each *Inner West Fest 2021* precinct festival. All events will be marketed under the umbrella of *Inner West Fest 2021* and IWC will undertake extensive marketing and promotions campaigns to support to ensure the community understands the connection between *Inner West Fest 2021* and Council's existing events program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The model will be delivered within current operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 3

Subject: BIRCHGROVE OVAL - FENCE

Prepared By: Tim Brown - Coordinator Parks Project Delivery

Authorised By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council proceed with the installation of the proposed steel powder-coated picket fence at Birchgrove Oval.

DISCUSSION

Existing Fence

The existing fence at Birchgrove Oval is at the end of its useful life and must be replaced. The posts are rotted and the nails are rusted. Pickets fall off the fence regularly, particularly as the fence is commonly used as a practice target for people to kick balls at.



Maintenance of the existing fence is labor intensive, as repairs must be undertaken on a reactive basis and repairs are made to only a few pickets at a time as they become damaged.

The fence is frequently damaged. It is regularly inspected; however, sometimes defects may remain for some time before identified. This may create a potential safety risk to the community.

Proposed New Steel Fence

Council submitted a DA for a proposed new steel powder-coated picket fence at Birchgrove Oval. The steel fence was selected primarily because of its long useful life of approximately 50 years, with minimal maintenance required for the first 20 years. \$253,000 has been allocated in the existing capital works budget for this fence.



Oct 2020, Camperdown Park, Camperdown

A Heritage Impact Statement was submitted with the DA which concluded:

The proposed work at Birchgrove Park, Birchgrove is considered to be a sympathetic approach to replace the existing fencing with a suitable style and appearance of fencing that has been used at other heritage listed parks in the LGA....

The works are consistent with the Conservation Management Plan and Plan of Management for the park.

No adverse heritage impacts have been found. The Cultural Significance of the place is enhanced and the works are considered to have a positive impact on the park.

The DA gave consideration to the Heritage Impact Statement and the proposed fence was granted consent.

The tender for this fence has now been put on hold, pending Council consideration of this report.

New Wooden Fence

A wooden fence would cost approximately the same amount to install. However, a wooden fence is not supported due to its short useful life of approximately 20 to 25 years and increased maintenance. Based on the experience with the existing fence, 30% of the timber fence would need to be replaced under maintenance within that 20 to 25 years.

With the reduced useful life, an additional \$114,000 will be required for depreciation and maintenance and a budget will need to be identified.

Should Council wish to install a timber fence, a new design and modification to the approved DA will be required, which will take approximately two months. The works would then have to be retendered. Major construction works are not recommended during the winter sports season (April to August). The start date would therefore be delayed until September 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The steel picket fence has been allocated funding in the existing capital works budget. If Council wishes to install a timber fence, an additional \$114,000 will be required for depreciation and maintenance and a budget will need to be identified.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 4

Subject: **PLANNING PROPOSAL PRE-EXHIBITION REPORT - EXTENDED TRADING HOURS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. **Endorse and forward the attached Planning Proposal, facilitating extended trading and cultural activities, to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment with a request for Gateway determination;**
2. **Request delegation of the plan-making functions for this planning proposal to Council's Chief Executive Officer;**
3. **Should a favourable Gateway determination be received, publicly exhibit the planning proposal in accordance with any conditions of the Gateway determination and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; and**
4. **Receive a post-exhibition report for its consideration.**

DISCUSSION

Council officers have prepared a planning proposal (**Attachment 1**) seeking amendments to the draft Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2020 (IWLEP 2020) to allow:

1. The extended trading of shops, business premises and kiosks between 7am and 10pm on main streets without approval (exempt development), and
2. Temporary small-scale cultural activities in certain business and industrial zones as complying development.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound economic impact on the Inner West's cultural, creative and performing arts sectors as well as retail and other businesses. This planning proposal supports these industries with innovative planning controls that simplify approval processes and unlock previously difficult sites for cultural activities that will assist in their recovery. Cultural activities are considered to have a significant economic multiplier effect for their surrounding area including restaurants, bars, take-away food premises, shops and business premises.

There have been a number of resolutions for Council staff to pursue alternate planning controls to; encourage late night trading, bring arts and live music into the Inner West, better align planning controls with the City of Sydney along King Street and look into alternative approval pathways for extended retail trading and cultural activities. Similarly, creative and cultural industry representatives have advocated to introduce simpler approval pathways for temporary uses. There is also an identified lack of small-medium scale cultural venues in Sydney. This proposal seeks to address these issues.

Small scale cultural activities can include anything from a live music performance to a ceramics class to a theatre rehearsal space. The definition and the limitations of these

activities are described and explained in the proposal.

A vibrant, diverse and safe night-time economy is crucial to the livability of the Inner West for local residents, workers and visitors. The proposed Inner West provisions strike a balance between facilitating vibrant cultural activities whilst maintaining residential amenity. For this reason, cultural activities are only allowed to be held in business and industrial zones. The City of Sydney recently endorsed similar reforms.

Several actions from Council's adopted Employment and Retail Lands Strategy (EARLS) are directly satisfied by this proposal. Action 1.8.3 states "Investigate exempt development approval pathways for night-time trading by certain commercial uses". Action 1.8.4 states "Investigate exempt and/or complying development approval pathways for small scale, low impact cultural use and production venues".

At its 29 September 2020 meeting, the Inner West Local Planning Panel advised Council to endorse the planning proposal for submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment with a request for a Gateway determination (**Attachment 2**).

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Download](#) Open and Creative Inner West Planning Proposal
2. [Download](#) Inner West Local Planning Panel 29 September 2020 minutes



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Planning Proposal

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Introduction

A vibrant, diverse and safe night-time economy is crucial to the liveability of the Inner West for local residents, workers and visitors. The night-time economy also presents opportunities for the expansion of the creative and cultural sectors, that are strongly tied to the identity, vibrancy and diversity of the night-time economy. It's also an opportunity to expand land use efficiencies, with the utilisation of land for a variety of purposes throughout the day, evening and into the night.

The creative sector is intrinsic to the identity of the Inner West. Council data values local creative and cultural industries at \$1.4 billion per annum, employing 6,500 people. It's estimated to employ 1 in 10 Inner West residents, with over half of these in the cultural production space. This is the highest of all Australian creative hotspots. It is crucial that Council protect and grow this sector through initiatives that make it easier to establish spaces for the production and exhibition of culture.

Certain pockets of the Inner West are established night-time economies, including Newtown, Enmore, Leichhardt, Balmain, Rozelle and Ashfield. There are also areas with emerging night-time economies, including Marrickville, Summer Hill and Dulwich Hill. These established and emerging areas will benefit from changes in local planning provisions to expand business offerings and cultural activities throughout the day and into the night.

Whilst the lock out laws did not directly affect the Inner West, the narrative of Sydney as a night-time City has taken a severe hit since their introduction in 2014. Since then a number of smaller and larger venues have closed. These changes will help to reverse this reputational damage and make spaces for artists, performers and other cultural producers to interact with residents, workers, visitors and tourists.

This impact has been amplified with the COVID-19 pandemic. The cultural and creative sectors have taken a huge hit during this time, with many individuals and businesses not able to work throughout the pandemic. Ongoing risks and changes to the operation of premises continue to keep this industry in a state of uncertainty. Amendments to planning controls to support these sectors is crucial.

In order to boost the local economy, this planning proposal proposes two new clauses under the Inner West LEP 2020;

1. **Extended trading** – make a new exempt development clause to permit authorised shops, business premises and kiosks to trade between 7am and 10pm, seven days per week in local centres.

2. **Cultural activities** – make a new complying development clause to facilitate temporary small-scale cultural activities in local centres, industrial areas and other business zones.

These changes will reduce regulatory barriers for participation in the night-time economy. They will remove approval processes for certain businesses trading till 10pm in local centres and establish simpler approval pathways for cultural activities in existing buildings.

This planning proposal seeks to introduce exempt and complying development provisions that will facilitate the above uses while ensuring neighbourhood amenity, fire safety, crowding, noise and land use are protected.

Exempt development is low impact development that can be carried out without the need for any formal approval. In order to be considered exempt, a development must however match a set of provisions under an Environmental Planning Instrument, such as an LEP.

Complying development enables development without the need to obtain development consent from Council, but rather issue of a Complying Development Certificate from a Principle Certifying Authority (PCA). Similar to exempt development, to be considered complying development the proposal must meet a set of criteria set out under an Environmental Planning Instrument.

This Planning Proposal has been made in accordance with section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's 'A guide to preparing planning proposals' and 'A guide to preparing local environmental plans'.

The draft Inner West LEP 2020 is currently with the Department of Planning, Environment and Industry awaiting finalisation. Due to the maturity of the draft LEP, this planning proposal seeks to make amendments to the draft instrument, as opposed to amending the three LEPs that currently apply to the Inner West LGA (Marrickville LEP 2011, Leichhardt LEP 2013 & Ashfield LEP 2013).

Background

Council has endorsed Notices of Motion and resolutions supporting the development of this planning proposal. These are listed below:

- On 24 October 2017, Council instructed staff to work collaboratively with City of Sydney counterparts to reduce inconsistencies between planning controls on either side of King Street, Newtown. It also requested staff begin work on new planning controls to encourage late night trading and small-scale arts, live performances and cultural activities without needing to obtain development consent from Council.
- In May 2018, Council considered a report explaining the possibilities and implications of utilising exempt and/or complying development to facilitate extended commercial

trading and small-scale cultural uses. In response to this, Council endorsed the continued collaboration between Inner West and City of Sydney staff.

Since this time, City of Sydney and Inner West Council staff have met multiple times and separately worked to refine provisions for their respective Council areas.

In June 2020, the City of Sydney Council endorsed their Open and Creative City suite of reforms for submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway determination. This included, among other things, amendments to the Sydney LEP 2012 to include;

- Exempt development for the extended trading of shops, businesses premises and kiosks between 7am and 10pm within certain zones and to certain criteria, and
- Exempt development for temporary small-scale cultural activities between 7am and 10pm for a maximum of 26 days per year.

To achieve greater business participation in the night-time economy, Inner West proposes exempt provisions for extended trading hours of shops, business premises and kiosks that are largely similar to the City of Sydney. This is considered the best approach to facilitate a vibrant and balanced night-time economy in local centres and achieve greater consistency along King Street, Newtown which is the border of the LGAs.

The approach proposed for the Inner West to support the growth and establishment of small-scale cultural activities differs from that of the City of Sydney, seeking to facilitate a complying development approval pathway for temporary small-scale cultural activities. This is due to the limitations of exempt development and the desire for more intense activities with longer trading hours and greater number of days, alcohol service and larger capacities.

External consultation has been undertaken in the form of a roundtable discussion late in 2019. This included local creative and cultural industry figures, State Government agencies, local professionals in the compliance, building and planning industry and Inner West Council staff.

Internal consultation has also been undertaken, with Council's Legal, Building Services, Environmental Health, Compliance, Development Assessment, Social and Cultural Planning and Living Arts sections.

Part 1 Objectives and intended outcomes

The objectives of this proposal are to;

- Encourage a diverse, vibrant and safe day and night-time economy throughout Inner West main streets and local centres, as well as in cultural and creative sector hot spots,
- Strike a balance between a strong night-time economy and residential amenity,
- Reduce regulatory barriers to the establishment of new cultural production, exhibition and teaching spaces,
- Create opportunities for residents, workers, visitors and tourists of the Inner West to experience the work of local cultural and creative sectors,
- Align with similar initiatives undertaken by the City of Sydney Council, especially along King Street which comprises the boundary between the LGAs.

To achieve the intended outcomes, it is proposed to amend the draft Inner West LEP 2020 to:

1. Permit extended trading of shops, business premises and kiosks between 7am and 10pm, seven days per week in local centres as exempt development, and
2. Make a new complying development approval pathway for the establishment of temporary small-scale cultural activities in certain zones and consistent with specific criteria.

Part 2 Explanation of provisions

This Planning Proposal seeks to make two amendments to the draft Inner West LEP 2020. These amendments are detailed below.

1. Extended trading

The intent of this amendment is to make it easier for shops, business premises and kiosks to open longer. To achieve this, amendments are proposed to Schedule 2 of the Inner West LEP 2020 to allow these uses to trade between 7am and 10pm, seven days per week as exempt development. That is, an approved use can trade in accordance with these hours without the need to obtain approval, provided specified criteria are satisfied.

To ensure impacts to the neighbourhood amenity are limited, this amendment will only apply in the B2 – Local Centre zone. This zone covers Council's larger and established local commercial centres that are active throughout the day and night and are typically located along main roads. Figure 1 below identifies the applicable land.

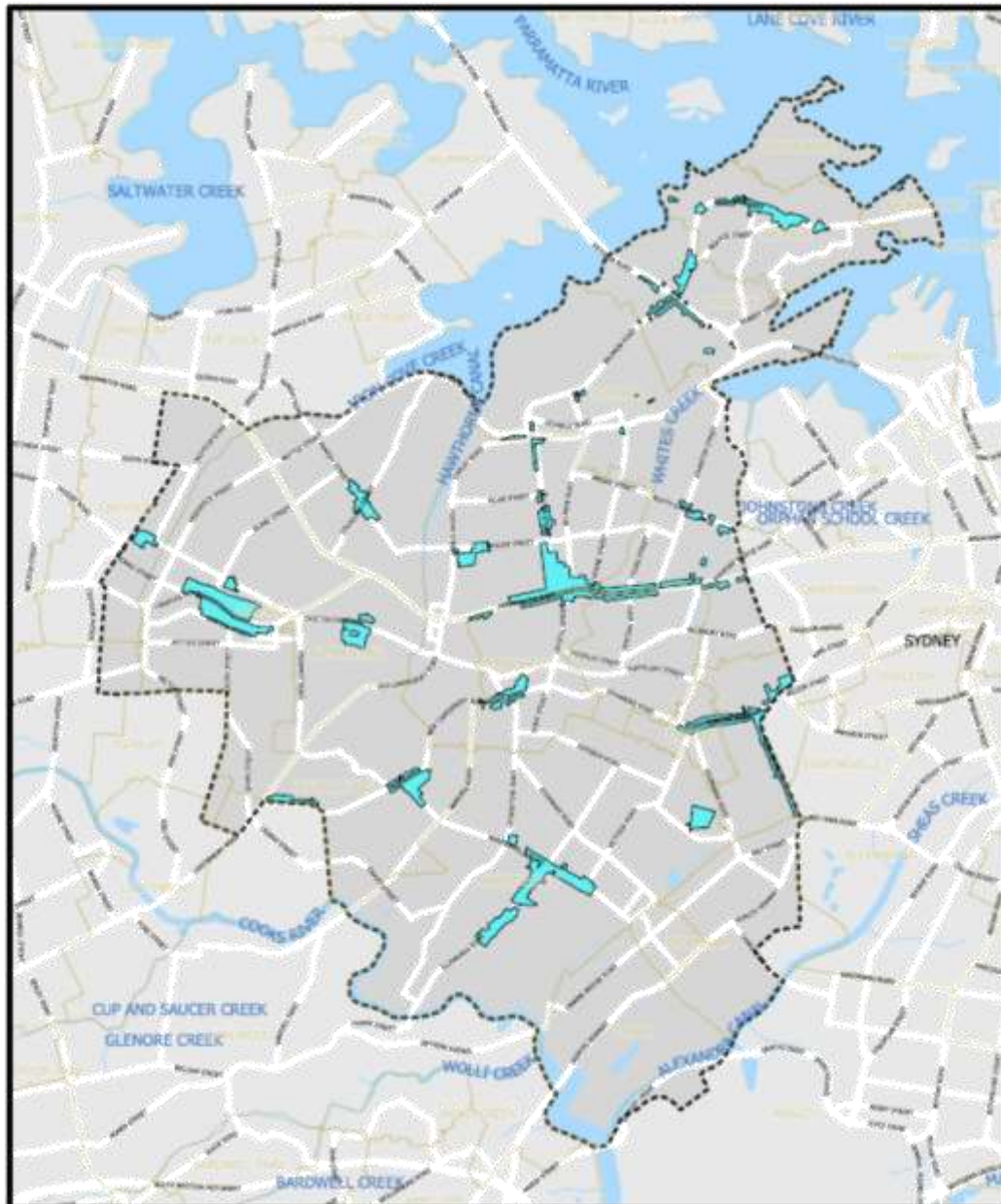


Figure 1: map of the Inner West Council area with B2 local centre zoned land identified in blue

The hours of 7am to 10pm were selected as these are the typical hours of trade expected and experienced in local centres and eligible uses are unlikely to generate amenity issues

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between these hours. Licensed premises have been excluded. This lowers the risk generated by the sale and/or consumption of alcohol on site. To further reduce the potential for noise impacts, outdoor areas are also excluded from being used via the proposed exempt development provisions. The hours are also consistent with those proposed by the City of Sydney. This will make exempt trading hours for these uses consistent along King Street.

Provisions are recommended to ensure that existing conditions applying to the site from an active consent are adhered to if they relate to noise, car parking, loading and unloading, vehicular movements, traffic generation, waste management and/or landscaping. If a condition for waste collection times is not present, the exempt provisions will require that waste collection only be carried out between 7am and 7pm, seven days per week. Applying existing conditions from a valid consent ensures that nuanced development assessment matters already conditioned by Council will continue to apply to a site, reducing the potential for amenity issues and conflicts to arise from the extended trading hours.

It is proposed that Schedule 2 of the draft Inner West LEP 2020 will be amended in the following manner:

- Include a new clause that permits an authorised shop, business premises or kiosk to trade between 7am and 10pm, seven days per week as exempt development, subject to the following criteria;
 - be located in a B2 - Local Centre zone,
 - not be a licensed premises in accordance with the definition under the *Liquor Act 2007*,
 - exclude the operation of outdoor areas,
 - not contravene existing conditions of an active consent in regards to noise, car parking, loading and unloading, vehicular movements, traffic generation, waste management or landscaping, and
 - If no existing condition applies to waste collection, that collection of waste only be carried out between the hours of 7am and 7pm, seven days per week.

2. Small-scale cultural activities

The intent of this amendment is to make it easier to carry out small-scale cultural activities within existing buildings. These activities are intended to be held during the day and night in commercial, industrial and employment areas throughout the LGA.

To achieve this, amendments are proposed to Schedule 3 of the draft Inner West LEP 2020 to make a new development approval pathway for the use of existing premises for temporary small-scale cultural activities.

Defining a small-scale cultural activity

A small-scale cultural activity is defined as one or more of the following activities:

- Live entertainment, including the presentation and/or rehearsal of music, film, theatre, spoken word, comedy, dance and/or the like, and/or
- Exhibition and/or production of artwork, craft, design, media, film, music, image, immersive technology and/or the like, and/or
- Teaching and/or discussion related to any of the above and/or skills, and public and social affairs.

The definition is intended to be broad enough to capture all facets of cultural production, exhibition, performance and teaching. It's also intended to allow for ancillary activities to take place, such as the retail of goods that are related to a class being held on site.

Applicable zones

Activities permitted under these provisions will be limited to certain business and industrial zones. This is to ensure uses are focussed in areas which currently experience higher levels of activity and noise, as well as strategically locating these activities in areas that are well serviced by public transport. Locating uses within established centres and areas of high economic activity is also considered to have an economic benefit to existing businesses.

The applicable zones are:

- B2 – Local Centre,
- IN1 – General Industrial,
- IN2 – Light Industrial,
- B5 – Business Development, and
- B6 – Enterprise Corridor.

Figure 2 below shows the applicable zones as highlighted throughout the LGA.

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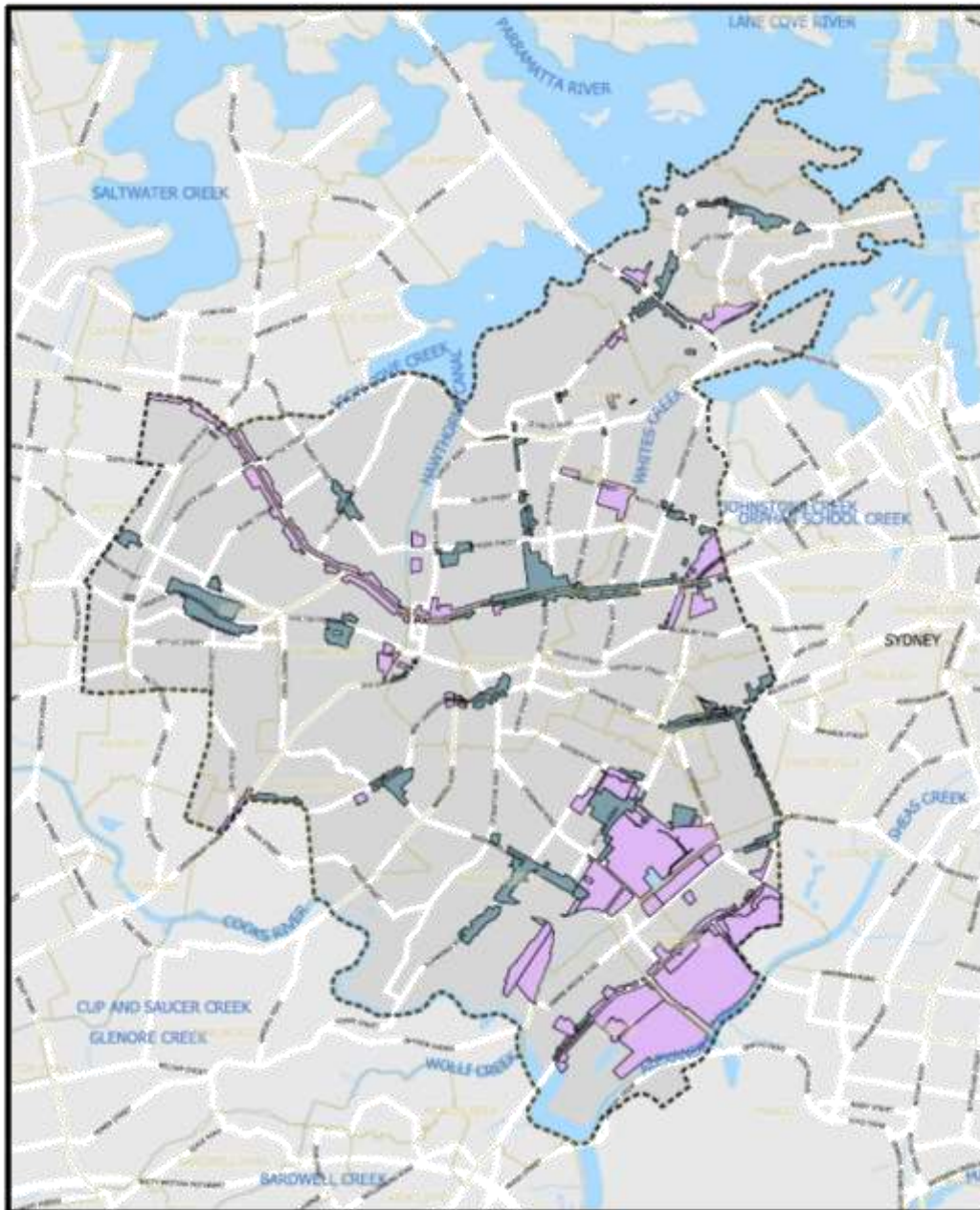


Figure 2: map of the Inner West Council area identifying land eligible for small scale cultural activities through the proposed provisions. Dark blue indicates a maximum capacity of 80 persons and purple a maximum of 150 persons

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Temporary nature

Under the draft Inner West LEP 2020, the land uses that small-scale cultural activities fit within are typically permissible with consent in the B2 Local Centre, B5 Business Development, B6 Enterprise Corridor, IN1 General Industrial and IN2 Light Industrial zones. Notwithstanding, it is proposed that the complying development approval pathway will only enable small-cultural activities to be carried out in these zones on a temporary basis. Complying development does not allow for a comprehensive assessment of potential issues, and to allow the activities in perpetuity could displace valuable uses, particularly in the IN1 and IN2 zones.

Clause 2.8 of the draft Inner West LEP 2020 permits the temporary use through a DA for a maximum of 52 days in a 12 month period. The limitation applies, in part, to protect surrounding amenity. For consistency, the 52 day limitation established under this clause is being carried over to these provisions.

As well as limiting the number of operating days within a 12 month period to 52, activities will also be limited to operating no more than four consecutive days in a row. This will give respite to the surroundings from a prolonged, uninterrupted use of a premises.

Hours of operation

The proposed maximum hours of operation under the provisions are:

- 8am and 10pm, Sunday to Thursday, and
- 8am and midnight, Friday, Saturday and a day immediately before a public holiday.

These hours were specifically chosen to address three considerations; community expectations, existing legislation and feasibility of the use. The rationale is explained below.

Community expectations

The hours generally align with community expectations and existing hours of use within the applicable zones, being within local centres, industrial and employment areas and along main roads. Many cafes, shops, business and office premises open well before 8am, however due to the intensity and possibility of live performance, 8am was deemed an appropriate opening time.

Similarly, a 10pm finishing time between Sunday and Thursday is generally expected in these areas, with restaurants, bars, pubs and other hospitality, entertainment and food and drink uses operating to these times.

Existing legislation

The hours proposed align with provisions under *Protection of Environment Operations Act 1979* (POEO Act) that manage noise. Division 7 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017* requires that noise from sound equipment and musical instruments not be heard in habitable rooms of residential premises outside of the hours identified by this proposal.

Whilst this provision manages noise from residential premises to residential premises, it is considered the best indication of community expectations.

Feasibility

During a roundtable discussion, local creative and cultural industry figures informed Council that for activities of the proposed scale to be feasible, operating past 10pm on Friday and Saturday nights is crucial, especially if the consent is temporary.

Whilst opening to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays does raise the possibility for disturbance to amenity, these uses will be located within existing local centres and employment areas, many with existing and emerging night-time economies. The relatively low capacity limits will ensure that the intensity of uses and noise created by patrons is limited.

Capacity limits

Limiting capacity of a premises is an efficient tool to manage the intensity of a use and the impact on surrounding amenity. As the activities are to be facilitated across several zones with varying levels of baseline amenity, different capacity limitations are proposed to be implemented dependent on the zone.

Within the Inner West's residential uses are permitted with consent in the B2 – Local Centre and prohibited within the B5 – Business Development zone. Additional permitted uses allowing certain types of residential accommodation apply to many B5 zones in the LGA. Due to this, the maximum capacity of a premises utilising these provisions is proposed to be 80 persons. This includes staff, patrons, performers, etc.

Within IN1 – General Industrial, IN2 – Light Industrial and B6 – Enterprise Corridor zones, a maximum capacity of 150 persons is proposed. This will permit larger gatherings and more intense activities in areas with limited residential uses and less opportunities for conflicts in amenity.

The additional capacity afforded to IN1, IN2 and B6 zones is higher as these areas are less prone to amenity conflicts as residential uses are not typically permitted. Many of these zones accommodate businesses and uses that trade well into the night and often 24 hours. The building typology typical of these zones lends itself to higher capacities without causing alarm for the safety and comfort of the occupants

Regardless of the zone, a maximum of 1 person per square metre is proposed to ensure that there is adequate space within a premises to ensure the health and safety of occupants. This is also consistent with recommended capacity limitations under the National Construction Code (NCC).

These capacity limits were selected to strike a balance between protecting amenity, meeting the needs of industry regarding feasibility and respecting the limits of complying development for the approval of such uses.

Alcohol

During preliminary consultation with industry figures, advice was received that selling alcohol is a significant income stream for cultural events. Often it is the tipping point to make an event financially feasible. Selling alcohol for consumption on site is not proposed to be excluded from the provisions. This will allow operators to either utilise an existing licence on site, obtain a new liquor licence or alternatively contract a caterer with their own licence to provide alcohol on site.

There are potential issues that arise from selling alcohol, however it is considered that with strict regulation already in place, the temporary nature of the uses and location in areas with established and emerging night-time economies, the benefits outweigh the potential impacts. This is discussed in greater detail within the answer to question nine under Part 3, Section C of this planning proposal.

Noise

The impact of noise generated by activities has been a central consideration in the formulation of the provisions. The applicable zones, temporary nature, hours of operation and capacity limits discussed thus far have been prepared with consideration of the potential for noise being generated by the activities and creating disturbance for neighbouring residents.

Noise limitations are already in place through existing NSW legislation. Under the POEO Act 1997 any noise considered offensive is not permissible. Whilst it can be hard to determine what constitutes offensive noise, there is NSW case law and guidelines established to define such noise.

Due to the existing complexity of noise regulations, it was considered regressive to impose another level of regulation. The limiting factors imposed by the aforementioned provisions, utilisation of the existing offensive noise test and the powers Council has to impose orders to prevent ongoing offensive noise, are considered the most appropriate methods of limiting noise.

A sign will be required to be installed during the operation of small-scale cultural activities giving the public direct contact details to the operator(s) of the activity. This will ensure if any issues arise, they will be able to be dealt with quickly and directly.

Fire safety, disability access and access to sanitary facilities

The safety of patrons, staff and performers within host buildings has been a primary consideration in the development of provisions. Using complying development as an approval pathway, there are a number of checks and considerations that are required by a principle certifier to ensure a building is appropriate for a specified activity. Utilising these provisions does not exempt an activity from strict compliance with the National Construction Code (NCC).

A provision is also proposed to limit activities to the ground floor of existing buildings. Ground floor premises are better equipped to providing adequate fire safety and disability access, limiting potential for the use of inadequate premises.

Other criteria

A number of other criteria are proposed to ensure the operation of cultural activities align with community expectations and are compatible to neighbourhood amenity.

It is proposed that the conditions of any active consent on the site relating to car parking, vehicular movement, traffic generation, loading or waste management are adhered to. If no condition is present for waste management, waste collection from the premises must take place between 7am and 7pm, seven days per week.

It is proposed that Schedule 3 of the draft Inner West LEP 2020 will be amended in the following manner:

- Insert a new clause that creates a complying development approval pathway for small-scale cultural activities, subject to the following criteria;
 - Small-scale cultural activities be defined as one or more of the following:
 - Live entertainment, including the presentation and/or rehearsal of music, film, theatre, spoken word, comedy, dance and/or the like, and/or
 - Exhibition and/or production of artwork, craft, design, media, film, music, image, immersive technology and/or the like, and/or
 - Teaching and/or discussion related to any of the above and/or skills, and public and social affairs.
 - Must be located in the B2 – Local Centre, B5 – Business Development or B6 – Enterprise Corridor zones, IN1 – General Industrial or IN2 – Light Industrial zones.
 - The activity may only take place on the ground floor of an existing building.
 - Hours of operation are restricted to between:
 - 8am and 10pm, Sunday to Thursday inclusive, and
 - 8am and midnight, Friday and Saturday and a day immediately before a public holiday.
 - That activity is temporary and may operate for no more than 52 days within a 12-month period and no longer than 4 consecutive days in a row.
 - A logbook of the hours and days the activity has taken place must be kept on site and be reviewable by Council officers upon request.

- The premises may accommodate 1 person (inclusive of staff, performers and patrons) per square metre of the area accessible by all patrons, up to a maximum of:
 - 80 persons in the B2 – Local Centre and B5 – Business Development, or
 - 150 persons in the IN1 – General Industrial, IN2 – Light Industrial and B6 – Enterprise Corridor zones.
- The premises must have a current annual fire safety statement
- There must be no building works undertaken, unless works constitute exempt development, are approved through a Complying Development Certificate, or have development approval.
- The use of pyrotechnics, theatrical smoke, nitrate films and dangerous goods are prohibited.
- The activity must not contravene any existing condition of any active development consent that applies to the land relating to car parking, vehicular movement, traffic generation, loading or waste management. Where there is no condition relating to waste management, waste must not be placed on the public way at any time, and glass is not to be emptied or transferred anywhere in a public place. Collection may only take place between 7am and 7pm, daily.
- During an event, display in a clearly visible public place outside of the premises, a sign including the following information in bold letters not less than 25mm in height on a contrasting background:
 - The event name, including the duration and completion date, and
 - The name and contactable telephone number of the person responsible for the event whilst in operation.
- Public liability insurance to the minimum insured value of \$20,000,000 must be maintained throughout the operation of the venue.
- The use must not result in the generation of “offensive noise” as defined in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* at any affected residence or noise sensitive premises. This includes residential premises within the same site and building, as well as surrounding residences.

Part 3 Justification

Section A – Need for the planning proposal

Q1. Is the planning proposal a result of an endorsed local strategic planning statement, strategic study or report?

The planning proposal is a response to actions in Council's recently endorsed Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) as well as other external triggers. These triggers include the progress of similar reforms being undertaken by neighbouring City of Sydney Council, whom Inner West have collaborated with throughout the development of this planning proposal.

The strategies, reports and other triggers that support the planning proposal are discussed below.

Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) & Employment and Retail Lands Strategy (ERLS)

Endorsed in March 2020 by Council and the Greater Sydney Commission, the LSPS sets out the vision for the Inner West in 2036 and lays out a set of actions that will be taken to achieve that vision. It is organised into 14 planning priorities. Planning Priority 9 – "a thriving local economy" directly supports this planning proposal. This planning priority is accompanied by a single action; Action 9.1 to implement the ERLS.

The ERLS provides a strategic approach for the management of land within the LGA to; maximise productivity, facilitate job growth and contribute to the long-term prosperity of the Inner West. It includes actions to support a vibrant night-time economy. This includes three actions directly achieved by this planning proposal. They include the following:

- Action 1.8.3: Investigate exempt development approval pathways for night-time trading by certain commercial uses.

The proposal to implement exempt development pathways for shops, business premises and kiosks in the B2 – Local Centre zone supports this action. These commercial uses have been specifically chosen as they are most likely to operate within and add vibrancy to the night-time economy without compromising neighbourhood amenity. Including other uses like food and drink premises has the potential to create issues requiring a level of assessment with nuanced considerations and conditions. They are not appropriate for exempt development.

- Action 1.8.4: Investigate exempt and/or complying development approval pathways for small scale, low impact cultural uses and production venues.

The proposal to implement a complying development approval pathway for small-scale cultural activities directly achieves this action. In order to identify the right approval pathway, consideration was given to both exempt and complying development. Due to the complexity of considerations and the limitations of self-assessment (which would be necessary under exempt development), complying development was deemed the best approach. As discussed in the previous section, a number of limitations on the activities are proposed to contain potential impacts. These include the temporary nature, capacity limits, hours of operation limits and applicable zones.

- Action 1.8.7: Work with the City of Sydney to develop a joint strategy for land use planning and night time economy on King Street, Newtown.

The City of Sydney has been an earlier adopter and major influence in this area of reform. Their Open and Creative City body of work has been a matter of public discussion for a number of years and Council recently endorsed a planning proposal for submission to Gateway. The proposal includes exempt provisions for extended trading of shops, business premises and kiosks as well as exempt provisions for temporary small-scale cultural activities.

Inner West Council officers have been in communication with counterparts from the City throughout the development of our planning proposals. The Inner West proposal is made partly in response to that of the City and with consideration of the benefits of keeping relative harmony in planning controls along King Street, Newtown which comprises a boundary between the Councils.

The main difference between the proposals for small-scale cultural activities is that the City of Sydney are pursuing exempt development provisions. The decision to permit these activities as complying development in the Inner West has resulted from consultation with industry and internal advice from Council's Building Services Unit.

Other external triggers

- Sydney Fringe Festival: An Anthology of Space 2015-2018

In 2018, Sydney Fringe Festival published a report regarding the experiences of artists and event operators utilising different premises in Sydney for creative industries and the performing arts sector.

Among other things, they concluded that Council development assessment processes were onerous for temporary uses and require considerable information that is expensive to obtain. The process is also lengthy which incurs costs and effects feasibility. Uncertainty in the process was also identified as a key inhibitor.

A number of recommendations came out of this report. Among these were the creation of clearer pathways and streamlined applications for temporary uses.

This planning proposal directly addresses these two recommendations by making simpler and clearer complying development provisions for temporary small-scale cultural activities. The definition of a cultural activity has been devised in part to permit the range of activities identified in this report and hosted by the Sydney Fringe Festival.

Other barriers identified in this report, specifically those created by onerous building classifications under the National Construction Code (NCC) cannot be directly solved by Council through planning reform. These issues will continue to persist until amendments are made to the NCC which remove the requirement for small-scale uses to comply with the 9B (assembly building) building classification.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a considerable impact on the already struggling performing arts, cultural, creative and hospitality industries. Ongoing risks and changes to the operation of premises continue to keep this industry in a state of uncertainty. Amendments to planning controls to support these sectors will be crucial to the post COVID-19 economic recovery in the Inner West and Sydney.

Finally, the work being undertaken by the City of Sydney has been another driver. This planning proposal will create a more consistent approach to planning for the night-time economy and will allow greater economic and social vibrancy along King Street.

Q2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

In consideration of the intended purposes of this proposal, two options were explored. These are discussed below.

Option 1 - Streamline DA processes

One option considered to facilitate temporary cultural activities was refining Council's development assessment process to create simplified approval pathways. This would not require changes to the LEP, but may trigger changes to Council's DCPs to incorporate new assessment criteria for such activities.

This option would not provide the clear pathway and certainty required. This is largely due to Council's inability to amend the considerations for assessment under the EP&A Act for certain application types and the requirement for Council to uphold these considerations for all development applications. Regardless of the DCP or any other Council policy, it was likely that many DAs would encounter issues that would lead to extended delays and incur significant costs, which would be borne by applicants.

Option 2 – Exempt and Complying approval pathways (selected)

It was considered that exempt and complying development provide the clearest pathways to approval and are less onerous with lower associated costs and shorter turn-around times than the DA process.

Complying development requires a level of assessment that is adequate for smaller temporary uses. This includes ensuring the zone is applicable, the activities fit within the definition of a small-scale cultural activity and that conditions are reiterated to event organisers and managers regarding hours of operation, duration, capacity limitations and prohibition of certain activities such as use of pyrotechnics and nitrate films. It also requires that inspections are completed by a Principal Certifying Authority, ensuring that the building is adequate for such an activity in terms of fire safety, ventilation, access for persons with a disability and sanitary facilities.

Due to these considerations, option 2 was selected as the best approach to achieving the objectives relating to small-scale cultural uses.

A planning proposal is the only means available to Council to introduce exempt and complying development provisions for extended commercial trading and small-scale cultural activities.

Section B – Relationship to strategic framework

Q3. Will the planning proposal give effect to the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?

Greater Sydney Regional Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities

The Plan sets a 40-year vision (to 2056) and a 20-year plan to manage growth and change. It sets an overarching strategic planning policy to align land use, transport and infrastructure outcomes for Greater Sydney concurrently with Future Transport 2056 (Transport for NSW) and State Infrastructure Strategy (Infrastructure NSW). The Plan provides a set of objectives under the 10 Directions set out in Directions for a Greater Sydney 2017-2056.

Objective 9 of the Plan is directly relevant to this proposal. It states that “Greater Sydney celebrates the arts and supports creative industries and innovation”. This objective seeks to foster and grow Sydney as a creative region with artistic and cultural expression encouraged. To do this, it suggests the simplification of development approval processes or the use of exempt and complying development approval pathways for temporary creative uses in the night-time economy.

The objective pushes for the growth of a vibrant and safe night-time economy that will enhance Sydney's standing as a global city and meet the social and recreational needs of residents, workers, tourists and visitors.

This planning proposal will assist in achieving this objective. It will unlock potential for the extended trading of businesses without needing regulatory approval. Removing this barrier will add to the vitality and diversity of commercial services in established local centres throughout the day and into the night.

The proposed complying development provisions create a clear approval pathway for the establishment of temporary uses for cultural activities, reducing regulatory burden and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. This will create opportunities for cultural experiences in the night-time economy, complimenting existing businesses and making use of under-utilised spaces.

Eastern City District Plan

This Eastern City District Plan is a 20-year plan to manage growth in the context of economic, social and environmental matters to achieve the 40-year vision for Greater Sydney. It further explores the objectives of the Greater Sydney Regional Plan as discussed above.

A number of Planning Priorities under the Plan are directly supported by this proposal. They include;

- E4 – Fostering healthy, creative, culturally rich and socially connected communities.

The Inner West is specifically mentioned under this planning priority with relevance to this proposal. It states that "...it is important that the capacity for creative industries, arts and cultural uses near to major cultural institutions be protected, for example in the areas of the Inner West...".

The Inner West is home to a number of cultural institutions. Some of these include the Enmore Theatre, Carrington Road creative precinct, the Red Rattler and Factory Theatres in Marrickville and The Bridge Hotel in Rozelle.

This proposal supports the establishment of new temporary creative and cultural venues through simplified approval processes. This will unlock the capacity of land surrounding these major cultural institutions for use by the cultural and creative sectors, enabling opportunities for residents, workers, visitors and tourists to engage with creatives. In turn supporting the local economy and contributing to a sense of local identity.

- E6 – Creating and renewing great places and local centres, and respecting the District's heritage.

Greater places and local centres are identified in their unique character and distinctive mix of land uses and activities. They are culturally rich and diverse with ample opportunities for social connectivity.

Great places within the Inner West are mentioned under this planning priority, including Marrickville and Newtown. The continued cultural richness of these areas and numerous others is supported by this proposal.

This priority also supports the growth of the night-time economy and integration and support of arts and creative enterprise expression. Temporary and interim uses are also identified as a means of achieving this priority.

- E11 – Growing investment, business opportunities and jobs in strategic centres, and
- E13 – Supporting growth of targeted industry sectors.

The planning proposal supports innovation in the night-time economy and encouragement of the creative sector. It reduces regulatory burden through the use of exempt and complying provisions, making it simpler for creative enterprises to open in the night-time economy and provide culturally rich experiences in the Inner West.

Q4. Will the planning proposal give effect to a council's endorsed local strategic planning statement, or another endorsed local strategy or strategic plan?

Our Inner West 2036 - Council's Community Strategic Plan, 2018

The Inner West Community Strategic Plan (CSP) identifies the community's vision for the future, long-term goals, strategies to get there and how to measure progress towards them. Strategic direction 3 of the plan regards creative communities and the local economy. This planning proposal makes progress towards achieving several outcomes and strategies identified under this direction, including the following:

- 3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated
 - Grow Inner West's reputation as a leading creative and cultural hub celebrating and supporting diverse creative industries and the arts
 - Create opportunities for all members of the community to participate in arts and cultural activities
- 3.2 Inner West is the home of creative industries and services
 - Position Inner West as a place of excellence for creative industries and services and support them to thrive
 - Encourage the establishment of new enterprises in Inner West
 - Facilitate the availability of affordable spaces for creative industries and services
- 3.5 Urban hubs and main streets are distinct and enjoyable places to shop, eat, socialise and be entertained

- Promote unique, lively, safe and accessible urban hubs and main streets – day and night
- Enliven community life by delivering and supporting events, public art, cultural celebrations and entertainment
- Promote the diversity and quality of retail offerings and local products

Our Place Inner West - Local Strategic Planning Statement

The planning proposal gives partial effect to Planning Priority 9 – A thriving local economy, namely the following objectives under it:

- The local economy is diverse, strong and resilient
- Inner West has a thriving and diverse evening and night-time economy
- Zoning and planning provisions accommodate affordable entry points for a range of industries
- Inner West continues to grow as a leading creative and cultural hub
- Main streets and centres are designed to be unique, lively, safe and accessible

There is a single action under this planning priority, to implement the Employment and Retail Lands Strategy (ERLS), when approved. The ERLS includes actions relevant to this proposal. They have been discussed within the answer to question one above.

Q5. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The new provisions intersect considerably with those under *SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*. Several of the SEPP provisions apply generally to complying development under other Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs), including draft Inner West LEP 2020. A full understanding of how these provisions interact is crucial to realising how the proposal will function.

Clause 1.17A of the SEPP lists the requirements for complying development for all EPIs. The SEPP prohibits the use of complying development on heritage listed sites and sites upon which a heritage item is located. While this will restrict the application of the proposed complying development provisions, the outcomes of the proposal will not change significantly as the majority of sites within the B2 zone are not subject to heritage listing and even fewer are subject to such in the B5, B6, IN1 and IN2 zones.

There are currently no exempt provisions under the SEPP which allow the extended trading of commercial uses that have not already been established. Complying development provisions within the SEPP are however in place allowing certain uses to trade till 10pm with a Complying Development Certificate (CDC).

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A CDC for first use of a premises under the SEPP allows the trading for a number of commercial uses including those identified with this proposal. Amongst other criteria, the hours of operation are permitted to a maximum of between 7am and 10pm, Monday through Saturday and till 8pm on Sundays. This proposal will have the effect of permitting and extension of hours on Sunday till 10pm for shops, business premises and kiosks in the B2 – Local Centre zone without need for further approval.

Q6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.9.1 directions)?

Section 9.1 directions are directions to councils from the Minister for Planning, Industry and Environment that need to be considered or given effect to in the preparation of draft LEPs.

The planning proposal has been assessed against each Ministerial direction. The consistency of the planning proposal with these directions is shown in the table below.

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Consistency with Ministerial Directions that apply to the LGA	
Directions under s.9.1	Consistency
1.1 Business and Industrial Zones	<p>Yes</p> <p>The proposal supports opportunities for employment in accessible commercial and industrial locations.</p> <p>Imposing limitations on activities to be temporary retains the industrial zones for their intended purpose.</p> <p>Reducing regulatory barriers to expanding the day and night-time trading of businesses and cultural activities supports the viability of centres. Cultural activities are likely to have an economic multiplier effect, positively impacting surrounding businesses.</p>
1.2 Rural Zones	Not relevant
1.3 Mining, Petroleum Production and extractive Industries	Not relevant
1.4 Oyster aquaculture	Not relevant
1.5 Rural Lands	Not relevant
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Not relevant
2.2 Coastal Management	Not relevant
2.3 Heritage Conservation	<p>Yes</p> <p>Complying development is prohibited from being carried out on heritage listed sites and sites containing heritage items.</p> <p>The proposed provisions will not facilitate works to heritage items or in conservation areas.</p>
2.4 Recreation Vehicle Areas	Not relevant

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2.6 Remediation of Contaminated Land	Not relevant
3.1 Residential Zones	Not relevant
3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates	Not relevant
3.3 Home Occupations	Not relevant
3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport	<p>Yes</p> <p>The proposed provisions are applicable to business, industrial and employment zones only. These zones are considered to have adequate access to public transport throughout their intended hours of operation.</p> <p>Additional car parking is not required to utilise the proposed provisions.</p>
3.5 Development near Regulated Airports and Defence Airfields	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Inner West is heavily impacted by aircraft noise. Being commercial activities, they are not overly sensitive to the impacts of aircraft noise and considered consistent with the direction.</p>
3.6 Shooting Ranges	Not relevant
4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils	Not relevant
4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	Not relevant
4.3 Flood Prone Land	<p>Yes</p> <p>Whilst many of the relevant zones are located within flood prone land, the provisions do not permit the development or alteration of buildings which may impact flooding.</p>
4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection	Not relevant
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Not relevant
5.11 Development of Aboriginal Land Council Land	Not relevant

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6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Not relevant
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Not relevant
6.3 Site Specific Provisions	Not relevant
7.1 Implementation of a Plan for Growing Sydney	<p>Yes</p> <p>This direction requires planning proposals to be consistent with A Plan for Growing Sydney. A Plan for Growing Sydney was superseded by the Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSRP) in March 2018.</p> <p>The proposal is consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan as outlined in response to Q3.</p>
7.3 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy	<p>Yes</p> <p>The proposed exempt and complying provisions will apply to many areas along the Parramatta Road Corridor. They will not impede development within the Parramatta Road corridor.</p>

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

Q7. Is there any likelihood that critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

No. This planning proposal relates to the use of land within established business and industrial zones. No critical habitats, threatened species, populations or ecological communities are identified within these zones in the Inner West.

Q8. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

As the planning proposal relates only to the use of existing premises within established and business and industrial areas, the risk of environmental impacts is low.

There is potential for the use of premises to lead to unauthorised works due to ignorance on the part of operators. To limit potential impacts, provisions have been proposed to strictly prohibit works that are not already approved or do not constitute exempt development.

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Further to this, CDCs will not be able to be issued for small-scale activities within heritage listed buildings in accordance with Clause 1.17A of the (exempt and complying development codes) SEPP 2008.

Q9. Has the Planning Proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

Overall, the economic and social effects resulting from the planning proposal are expected to be positive. The potential positive and negative outcomes are discussed below.

Economic impacts

Simpler approval pathways for temporary small-scale cultural activities and removing barriers for shops, businesses premises and kiosks to extend trading will have a positive economic impact on the Inner West, particularly within the night-time economy where these provisions are predominantly expected to be utilised.

Locating these uses in established business and employment centres will draw patrons into areas with other businesses that will benefit from the increased foot traffic. An economic multiplier effect is also expected from the patronage to cultural activities.

When attending events and venues like live music gigs, art classes, theatre, art galleries and other cultural uses, patrons are likely to visit complimentary businesses during their outing. These businesses typically include restaurants, bars, take-away food premises, shops and business premises. Cultural activities are considered to have a significant economic multiplier effect for their surrounding area.

Council values and aims to protect cultural venues throughout the Inner West. As the provisions only allow the establishment of temporary uses, they are not likely to compete with and displace existing businesses. It will also ensure that the Inner West's employment lands remain available for industrial uses and urban services required to meet local needs. Council's ERLS identifies that there is likely to be a shortfall in industrial and urban service floor space of around 432,540sqm by 2036.

Social Impacts

By creating new opportunities for residents, workers, visitors and tourists to interact with local creative and cultural sectors, there is expected to be a positive social outcome. These premises will be focal points for social interaction and opportunities to experience the cultural offerings of the Inner West.

Whilst considered unlikely, there are opportunities for negative social impacts to arise from the new provisions. Alcohol consumption leading to anti-social behaviour, as well as

possible noise impacts on residential uses are possible unintended consequences of these provisions. These issues are discussed below.

Alcohol consumption, anti-social behaviour and noise

The ability to utilise an existing licence, apply for a new temporary licence or use a caterer during activities means there may be alcohol consumed on site. With the consumption of alcohol there is potential that this leads to anti-social behaviour within and surrounding the premises.

Allowing alcohol to be consumed on site is a deliberate measure by Council. Consultation with local arts, cultural and creative industry figures informed Council that the revenue generated from selling alcohol during events is crucial to the feasibility of many uses, particularly when performance is involved.

To counteract issues, several measures were in part put in place to limit potential impacts. These are described below:

- Activities are limited to commercial and industrial zones. These areas tend to have active or emerging night-time economies, with higher levels of foot traffic, passive surveillance from surrounding buildings and higher traffic volumes. This limits opportunities for anti-social behaviour. It also prohibits proliferation of these activities in predominantly residential areas where impacts on amenity and safety would be a greater nuisance.
- Temporary activities capped to 52 days per year and no longer than 4 consecutive days in a row will limit impacts to a specific area.
- Existing responsible service of alcohol laws will apply to all venues where alcohol is served and consumed.
- To obtain a new liquor licence, operators will have to go through existing processes. This includes an assessment of the application as well as public notification.
- Activities are limited to operation until 10pm, Sunday through Thursday and until midnight on Friday and Saturday and the day before a public holiday. This is generally in line with community expectations for businesses trading within established commercial and industrial areas and commensurate with public transport services available throughout the Inner West to ensure patrons and can leave an area efficiently.

In addition, activities established under these provisions are not exempt from existing laws and compliance enforcement. Council officers, Liquor and Gaming and NSW Police continue to have the obligation to enforce reported non-compliances and there are mechanisms in place to penalise venues that do not comply.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

Q10. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

Adequate public transport is crucial to a safe night-time economy. Closing times established by these provisions need to be consistent with the availability of public transport in applicable areas.

Public transport accessibility varies across the Inner West. Train services typically operate till 1am and service multiple local centres and areas, including Newtown, St Peters, Sydenham, Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Stanmore, Petersham, Lewisham, Summer Hill, Ashfield and Croydon.

The Inner West light rail line services several centres across the northern and western edges of the LGA up until around 11:30pm during weekdays and past midnight on weekends. It services centres to which the proposed provisions will apply, including Leichhardt, Lilyfield, Haberfield, Summer Hill, Lewisham and Dulwich Hill.

There are also significant bus corridors that are serviced up to and past midnight. These include Parramatta Road, Victoria Road, Darling Street, King Street and Enmore Road. Bus routes along these corridors service applicable centres including the length of Parramatta Road, Rozelle, Balmain, Leichhardt, Newtown, Enmore and Marrickville.

These provisions will apply to locations that are well serviced by public transport, many with existing or emerging night-time economies. The services are considered adequate for the scale of activity and align with the proposed hours of operation.

Q11. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the Gateway determination?

The relevant State Government agencies and stakeholder groups to be consulted will be determined through the Gateway process.

It is considered that benefit would however be derived from consultation with the following:

- Adjoining Councils;
 - Council of the City of Sydney,
 - Canterbury Bankstown Council
 - Bayside Council
 - Canada Bay Council
- NSW Police
- NSW Live Music Office
- Liquor and Gaming NSW

Part 4 Mapping

The planning proposal does not require additional mapping. All location specific provisions rely on existing zoning and heritage maps.

Part 5 Community Consultation

Stakeholder and community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the legislative requirements, any conditions of a Gateway determination and Council's Community Engagement Framework.

Part 6 Project timeline

The anticipated timeframe for the planning proposal is shown in the table below.

Action	Date
Submit Planning Proposal to DPIE for Gateway consideration	October 2020
Receive Gateway determination	November 2020
Complete any changes required by Gateway Determination	January 2021
Public exhibition & government agency consultation	March 2021
Consideration of submissions	May 2021
Post-exhibition report to Council	July 2021
Drafting of instrument	August 2021
LEP made (if delegated)	September 2021
Plan forwarded to DPIE for notification	September 2021



INNER WEST LOCAL PLANNING PANEL
MEETING

29 SEPTEMBER 2020

MINUTES

MINUTES of INNER WEST LOCAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING held by Zoom
Teleconference on 29 September 2020.

Present: Adjunct Professor David Lloyd QC in the chair; Mr John McInerney;
Ms Kath Roach, Ms Annelise Tuor.

Staff Present: Executive Planner, Strategic Planner and Administration Officer.

Meeting commenced: 1:00pm

**** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

**** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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IWLPP904/20 Agenda Item 1	Open & Creative Inner West
Description	Planning proposal to amend the draft Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2020 to insert new exempt and complying development provisions, allowing shops, business premises and kiosks to open for extended hours and simplifying approval processes for small-scale cultural uses.
Proponent	Inner West Council

DECISION OF THE PANEL

THAT the Inner West Planning Panel advise Council:

1. Endorse the Open and Creative Inner West Planning Proposal for submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment with a request for a Gateway determination.
2. The Panel further advises that it has some reservations in allowing small scale cultural activities in B2 and B5 zones to operate after 10:00 pm but that is it appropriate for the Planning Proposal to proceed to public exhibition in order to obtain public feedback on the proposal.

THE reasons for this advice:

1. The Panel supports the findings contained in the assessment report and endorses the reasons for the recommendation contained in the report.
2. The Planning Proposal is consistent with the Inner West Community Strategic Plan 2018, with objective 9 of the Greater Sydney Regional Plan, with the objectives of Planning Priority 9 of the Inner West Local Strategic Planning Statement endorsed by Council in March 2020, aligns with provisions under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1979 that manages noise, is consistent with applicable ministerial directions under section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
3. Endorsement of the Planning Proposal is in the public interest.
4. The Panel notes that there is potential for the cultural activities up to 12:00 pm on a Friday and Saturday and this has the potential to impact on residential amenity and this needs to be carefully considered as part of the public consultation process.

The decision of the panel was unanimous

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The Inner West Planning Panel Meeting finished at 1:10 pm.

CONFIRMED:



Adjunct Professor David Lloyd QC
Chairperson
29 September 2020

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Item No: C1020(2) Item 5

Subject: NIGHT TIME ECONOMY ACTION PLAN

Prepared By: Billy Cotsis - Economic Development Team Leader

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the Night-Time Economy Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to supplement the 2019 Inner West Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP), a Night-Time Economy Action Plan has been developed.

Extensive consultation was undertaken with staff across Council, as well as external partners, by the Economic Development Team.

The plan has three key objectives:

1. Safe and vibrant public spaces
2. Resilient and distinctive night-time economy
3. Diverse and thriving commercial, retail and entertainment options at night

There are 22 actions contained within the plan, which are either planned or endorsed by key staff.

The Economic Development Team will review the plan annually as part of ongoing evaluation efforts of the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of actions in the Night-Time Action Plan will be subject to current Economic Development budget funding.

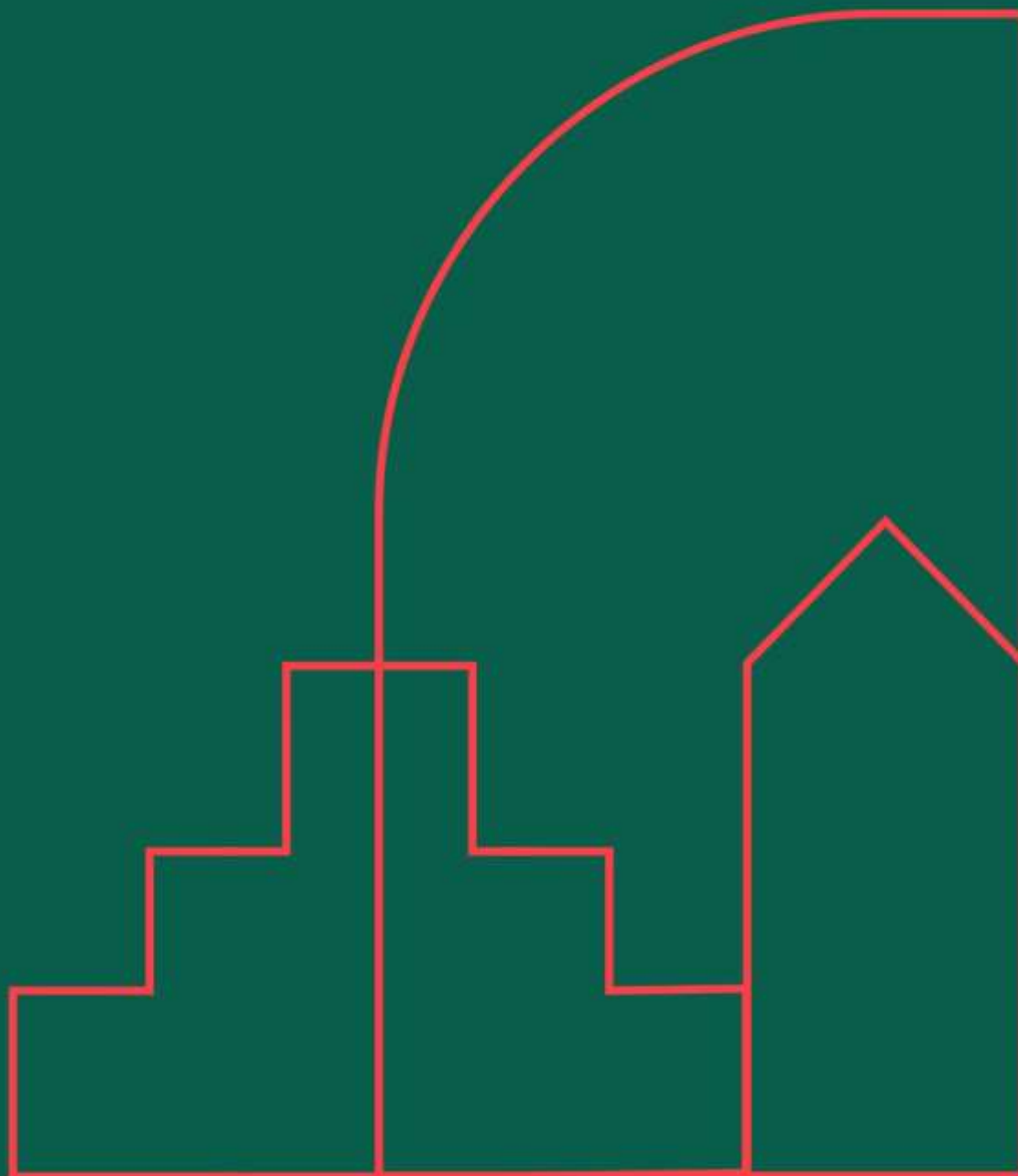
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IWC Night-Time Economy Action Plan

Inner West Council acknowledges the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) is situated. We celebrate the continual survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the value and contributions they make to enrich our community. Council continues to work in partnership with the Aboriginal community embracing cultural heritage and history, addressing areas of disadvantage, protecting and preserving Aboriginal sites of significance for both Aboriginal people and our nation.



LGA Wards

Balmain Ward – Baludairi (Leather Jacket)
Leichhardt Ward – Gulgadaya (Grass Tree)
Ashfield Ward – Djarrawunang (Magpie)
Stanmore Ward – Damun (Port Jackson Fig)
Marrickville Ward – Midjuburi (Jillypilly)

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IWC Night-Time Economy Action Plan



Introduction

Interest in enhancing the night-time economy has been highlighted by discussions with the business sector, industry associations and the creative arts sector who seek to tap into the value that an after dark economy can bring to businesses and the fabric of a community. Thriving global cities have a robust cultural life and a diverse night-time economy. Evidence shows that more diverse options over the course of a day and night, improve business sustainability, connect the community as well as reducing crime and improving community safety.

The Inner West's night-time economy consist of businesses that trade at night including convenient stores, chemists, gyms, dance studios along with our eat streets, bars, pubs, live music scheme, festivals, theatres and artist-run events. The actions in this plan aim to build resilience and assist the night-time economy adapt and innovate to grow and strengthen the Inner West's economy. This in turn will support the local economy and drive employment opportunities in a range of sectors. This document aims to provide clear direction for improving the night-time economy through to 2025, balancing the needs of residents, families, local business owners and the visitor economy.

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IWC Night-Time Economy Action Plan

Inner West Economic Profile

Being on the door step to the City, one of the wealthiest central business districts in the region, with good public transport, a growing population, over 28,000 businesses including sound night-time sectors like hospitality, entertainment and creative arts all of which provide a significant advantage for the Inner West to enhance the after dark economy.

What is the Night-Time Economy?

The night-time economy is defined as any activity that occurs at night, after 5pm. In general terms people think about dining out, going to a pub or bar, seeing a movie and live music. But this is not the case, the night-time economy also includes other activities that happen after 5pm like going to the beautician, chemist, retail store, markets, gyms and attending sports and transport.

The night-time economy broken up into the following:

- Twilight 5pm-7pm
- Evening 7pm-10pm
- Night-time 10pm-12am

What are the benefits?

The night-time economy is an important part of the Inner West's overall economy and contributes approximately 1.3 billion dollars to the local economy according to .id. The Inner West LGA's night-time economy has naturally grown over the last ten years, mainly due to our eat streets, small bar scheme, theatres, live music venues, cultural events, artist-run activities. This is complemented by the move for pub/clubs adapting to become more family friendly. However, there is a need to provide opportunities for other sectors to operate at night that may benefit.

In 2019, ABS record that there were 1602 businesses that can be defined as being night time economy. It is unclear what impact of the pandemic will have on this number. There were 7,055 jobs in the sector, with approximately half of these jobs going to local residents. This reverses the overall trend of the economy whereby 80% of residents leaving the LGA for work on business days. These figures will likely change due to the current economic climate.

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The table below shows statistics of businesses engaged in the night time economy in the Inner West. Source: NEIR 2019 estimates based on Australia Bureau of Statistics

Industry Sectors	2018	2019
Café, restaurants and take away food services	750	846
Pubs, clubs, taverns, bars and liquor retailing	129	149
Motion Picture Exhibition	10	11
Performing arts operation & Performing art venue operation	73	86
Creative artists, musicians, writers & performers	329	395
Health, fitness centres & gymnasiums operations	46	58
Sports, physical recreation, clubs, venues, grounds & admin services	20	24
Amusement parks, centres & other recreational activities	14	15
Gambling activities	13	14
Other activities	5	4
Total number of businesses operating in night-time economy	1,389	1,602

Sydney and surrounding areas are missing out on about \$16 billion a year because its night-time economy is underdeveloped. A 2019, analysis by Deloitte Access Economics found economic activity after dark in Sydney is now worth \$27 billion a year and supports more than 230,000 jobs. But it could be far bigger.

Council is committed to working with partners to guide the growth and development of the night-time economy to help solidify our position as the place to visit, socialise and be inspired.

This inturn will support the local economy and drive employment opportunities.

The benefits to the Inner West LGA night-time economy will be measured in terms of employment growth in a range of sectors and associated revenue and spending.

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Consultation and research

This plan was developed by investigating key factors that are known to support safe and functional night-time precincts, they include:

- The appearance of public places used at night
- The diversity of night-time activities available
- The management of anti-social behaviour
- The ability of people to get home at night

Council consulted with key stakeholders including local businesses, chambers and industry bodies. Council's work on implementing actions in the plan may change to better align with work the NSW Government is undertaking to support the nightlife's recovery due to the down turn in the state's economic growth along with risk-based liquor laws that supports business where they meet our community's needs. Council will work with partners and stakeholders to achieve the plan's objectives. While Council has limited powers that relate to public transport, policing, and alcohol regulation we will continue to advocate to the other levels of government our position and that of our community.

This plan is underpinned by a range of other Council plans including:

- Inner West Community Strategic Plan
- Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Integrated Transport Strategy
- Arts and Cultural Strategy
- Local Approval Policy
- Wayfinding Strategy

Vision for the Night-Time Economy

A safe and enjoyable Inner West at night that engages and attracts all ages and diverse interests.

Objectives

- Safe and vibrant public spaces
- Resilient and distinctive night-time economy
- Diverse and thriving entertainment and retail options

Strategic Objectives

The plan has a vision, objectives and actions that aim to promote a safe, vibrant, functional, resilient and diverse night-time economy. The plan is a framework to support adaption, innovation and strengthen the economy. A strong and vibrant night-time economy provides direct economic and social benefits.



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Objective 1

Safe and vibrant public spaces

A strong and vibrant night-time economy provides direct economic and social benefits while increased activation improves the perceptions of safety. Actions that can most influence and improve safety in precincts focus on active transport options, clear directions, well-lit with clean public spaces, park lands and amenities. Having diverse night-time activities on offer enhance the safety of areas and encourages visitation. The inner West is a safe community with minimal alcohol and drug related incidents at licenses premises. Council will continue to monitor this and work with stakeholders to keep our public spaces safe and vibrant.

Objective 2

Resilient and distinctive night-time economy

Providing greater entertainment options by working in partnership with businesses, creative arts sector, recreation and entertainment providers and the community to strengthen and manage the night-time economy. The Inner West is known as a great place to live, work and visit. Our eat streets, theatres, live music scene, and edgy cultural activities add to the unique character of the area. This ensures the Inner West is a 'draw card' for locals and out of area visitation.

Council's strengths are working with partners and stakeholders to deliver innovative after dark events that continue to engage, entice and connect with the community. Actions that can most influence this focus on assisting groups and the creative sector to make it easier for them to activate public spaces in the evening and showcasing these activities, along with continuing to maintaining sporting fields so they can be used at night.

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Objective 3

Diverse and thriving commercial, retail and entertainment options at night

A sound policy framework will guide sector growth allowing for a mix of attractions and routine activities like going to the gym or shopping to help attract a wider demographic to precincts within the Inner West that appeals to a range of age groups, families and professionals.

The 2020 collapse of the global economy due to the Covid-19 pandemic has enabled researchers to examine the long-term trends and what the future could hold for our cities and regions. Professor Peter Newman, Curtin University research of July 2020, found that new economies that come from impact of such events would support innovations in transport options and the emergence of the circular economy. Plus see an increase of the importance of local villages/business centres. Combine this with the population growth, the shift in consumer spend and an increase of people working from home work means that enhancing the night time offerings are important to the LGA's overall economic growth.

The key objective is to arrive at a point where the butcher, baker and candlestick maker can sell their wares at 10.00pm and later. More importantly, the majority of activities will take place in the existing commercial centres which will have been transformed hopefully by an influx of commercial and non retail activities to provide a thriving day time economy also which by default will then stay around.

Actions that can most influence this will focus on enabling certain commercial uses to open later without requiring a DA.

This will provide opportunities for other sectors to operate at night. Business owners will need to determine if opening later is financially feasible. For example the beauty, hair and nail industry may determine there is a need to open later with more customers seeking to access services after work. A florist could benefit from being able to trade later during peak periods like Valentines day and Mothers day.

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Objective 1

Safe and Vibrant Public Space

A strong and vibrant night-time economy provides direct economic and social benefits while increased activation improves the perceptions of safety.

Action	Timeframe	Resources	Lead	Partners
1 In partnership with Transport for NSW introduce a 40 kilometre per hour speed limit in local streets across the LGA.	Short term	Current	Traffic & Transport Planning	State government
2 Continue to support 'after five' cultural activation in libraries	Short term	Current	Library Services	Community
3 Encourage installation of public art in business centres and villages	Medium term	Current	Cultural and Arts	State government grants, business community
4 Investigate opportunities for wayfinding in our urban centres.	Medium term	Possible funds for gov.	Strategic Planning	Comms and Economic Development team
5 Work with urban designers and police to review night time activities against crime prevention principles and statics	Medium term	Current	Public Domain	Police
6 Work with Liquor Accords to ensure licensed premises implement actions that increase safety in our precincts	Long Term	Current	Economic development	Liquor Accords
7 Investigate the cost and feasibility of installing energy efficient lighting at Council facilities across the Inner West	Long term	N/A	Sustainability team	N/A
8 Advocate for a combination of effective public transport in the Inner West at night that is safe, convenient and pleasant for both walking and cycling	Long term	Current	Strategic Transport Team	State government

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IWC Night-Time Economy Action Plan

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Action	Timeframe	Resources	Lead	Partners
9 Work with businesses re: bin placement and collection times so public amenity and safe pedestrian access maintained	Long Term	Current	Resource Recovery	Chambers, businesses
10 Consider the night time economy in new DCP - with clear guidelines for businesses regarding collection times, collection points and bin storage	Long Term	Current	Strategic Planning & Resource Recovery	N/A
11 Investigate place-based and smart commercial waste and recycling opportunities in suitable locations.	Long Term	Possible grant funds available	Resource Recovery	N/A
12 Assess street litter bin guidelines in commercial hubs - placement, design, technology	Long Term	Possible grant funds available	Resource Recovery	N/A

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IWC Night-Time Economy Action Plan

Objective 2

Resilient and distinctive night-time economy

Providing greater entertainment options by working in partnership with businesses, creative arts sector, recreation and entertainment providers and the community to strengthen and manage the night-time economy.

Action	Timeframe	Resources	Lead	Partners
1 Council's website to provide examples of what businesses can do around night-time small scale activation.	Short term	Current	Economic Development	Comms Living Arts
2 Encourage not-for-profit creative arts groups to apply for Council's Creative and Cultural Grants Program to deliver night time events	Short term	Current	Cultural Planning Arts Team	Cultural Planning Arts Team
3 Council will work towards reducing red tape, costs and resources by simplifying the application processes for events and activities in the public domain.	Short term	Current	Building Certification Team	Events
4 Council will be required to undertake a new approach to event delivery due to COVID impacts, which will include a new way of connecting to the community Council can encourage business participation through opportunities to participate.	Short term	Current	Events team	Events Team
5 Promote Council and community-led events via the What's On website section; look at other innovative campaigns to promote the Inner West as an evening destination	Short to medium term	Current	Comms	Events Team
6 Promote safe transport options to and within the Inner West	Short to medium term	Current	Economic development	Comms, Transport Planners

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Objective 3

Diverse and thriving commercial, retail and entertainment options at night.

Providing opportunities for businesses to operate later taking advantage of other activities in the commercial centres. – A sound policy framework will help guide this objective.

Action	Timeframe	Resources	Lead	Partners
1 Investigate opportunities for small scale cultural uses to open and operate without requiring a DA.	Short Term	Current	Strategic Planning	Economic Development
2 Investigate opportunities for certain existing commercial uses to open later without requiring a DA.	Medium Term	Current	Strategic Planning	Economic Development
3 Review existing controls overseeing the assessment of commercial and industrial night trading as part of the future comprehensive Inner West DCP	Medium Term	Current	Strategic Planning	Economic Development
4 Business specialist planner available to provide policy guidance for businesses and creative sectors wanting information about night-time activities	Short Term	Current	Planning	Cultural Planning Arts Team

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Evaluation

The Economic Development team will undertake an evaluation each year, beginning with 2022 to ensure that the actions are being met. This will be undertaken in consultation with partners, stakeholders and internal staff.





Item No: C1020(2) Item 6

Subject: COMMUNITY GARDENS POLICY

Prepared By: Kate Jackson - Coordinator Community Sustainability

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. **Adopts the Community Gardens Policy; and**
2. **Rescind the existing community garden policies: Leichhardt Council Community Garden Policy 2011 and Ashfield Council Community Gardening Policy 2012.**

DISCUSSION

The Community Gardens Policy creates a framework for Council to support community gardens. It enables a consistent approach to agreements for community gardens on Council land and the future establishment of new community gardens.

The Policy was on public exhibition for 30 days and Council received 36 submissions, with the majority of respondents in support.

A copy of the engagement outcomes report can be found via the below link:

https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/community-gardens-policy?tool=news_feed#tool_tab

Council exhibited the Draft Community Gardens Policy for 30 days from 11 August to 9 September 2020. Feedback was also invited on the draft Community Gardens Guidelines, which support policy delivery through practical guidance for community members.

During the public exhibition, 896 visitors viewed the project page and 36 participants provided feedback with both the Policy and the Guidelines supported by the majority of respondents.

Submissions highlighted the benefits of community gardens and reinforced that they should be open, accessible and inclusive. Clarification was requested on some areas including requiring raised garden beds, public access, and insurance requirements.

Recommended amendments to the draft Policy for adoption are shown in Table 1 below. No change is recommended in relation to the requirement for new garden beds to be raised. The Guidelines have been updated to clarify that the requirement for raised beds is to prevent expensive and unnecessary soil contamination testing by community garden groups. A precautionary approach has been adopted in the Policy because soil contamination testing is costly and technical. It is likely to create a cost burden for groups that has little benefit because of the very high likelihood that any testing will confirm soil contamination is present.

Staff will provide ongoing advice and guidance for community garden groups to support delivery of the new Policy.

Table 1: Post-exhibition amendments to draft Community Gardens Policy

Section of Policy and issue raised during exhibition	Policy amendment
Section 7.1.6 Ongoing requirements Policy needs to clarify/strengthen the requirement for community access	Amend draft Policy wording to: <i>Generally, community garden groups are expected to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the public can visit the community garden at all times
Section 7.1.8 Risk management and insurance Policy needs to clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community insurance requirements • registering volunteers 	Amend draft Policy wording to: <i>All community garden groups working on Council land must satisfactorily complete a risk management process before a licence or deed to undertake community garden work is developed. It is essential that community garden groups identify and manage risks associated with undertaking a publicly accessible community garden project and maintain a record of activities undertaken by members and helpers. Council and groups have a duty of care to maintain a safe environment for the community who access community gardens.</i> <i>Council requires community garden groups working on Council land to hold appropriate insurances. Council has personal injury insurance cover for individuals undertaking approved community garden activities. However, community garden groups must ensure they take out public liability insurance cover to the value of \$20,000,000 for any third-party claims.</i> <i>Any claim made against Council's insurance policy for an individual will be subject to an assessment by Council's insurer to determine whether the claim meets the requirements of the policy, whether there is a record of activities undertaken and by whom and whether appropriate risk management and safety practices have been adhered to by the individual.</i>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Inner West Community Gardens Policy - Draft](#)
2. [Inner West Community Gardens Guidelines - Draft](#)

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Community Gardens Policy



Attachment 1

Community Gardens Policy

DOCUMENT PROFILE

Title	Community Gardens Policy
Summary	The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for Council to support community gardens.
Background	Council supports the establishment of appropriately designed and managed community gardens on Council land, to contribute to an ecologically sustainable Inner West, liveable neighbourhoods and caring, happy, healthy communities.
Policy Type	Council Policy
Relevant Strategic Plan Objective	<p>Our Inner West 2036: Community Strategic Plan</p> <p><i>Strategic direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Provide the support needed for people to live sustainably</p> <p>1.1.3. Create spaces for growing food</p> <p>1.1.5 Support the community to provide green infrastructure that supports increased ecosystem services</p> <p>1.2.1 Support people to protect, restore, enhance and connect with nature in the Inner West</p> <p>1.3.1 Collaborate to deliver water-sensitive plans, decisions and infrastructure.</p> <p>1.5.3. Divert organic material from landfill</p> <p><i>Strategic direction 2: Unique, liveable, networked neighbourhoods</i></p> <p>2.1.3. Improve the quality, and investigate better access and use of existing community assets</p> <p>2.3.1. Plan and deliver public spaces that fulfil and support diverse community needs and life</p> <p><i>Strategic direction 4: Caring, happy, healthy communities</i></p> <p>4.1.1 Foster inclusive communities where everyone can participate in community life</p> <p>4.3.1. Provide the facilities, spaces and programs that support wellbeing and active and healthy communities</p> <p>4.3.2. Provide opportunities for people to participate in recreational activities they enjoy</p>
Relevant Council References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement Framework (2019) • Grants and Fee Scale Policy (2020) • Inclusion Action Plan for People with a Disability (2017-2021) • Weed Management Policy (2019) • Pesticide Use Notification Plan 2019 - 2022 (2019) • Complaints Handling Policy (2018) • Land and Property Strategy (2019) • Land and Property Policy (2019) • Community Gardens Guidelines (in draft) • Relevant parks Plans of Management (various)

Main Legislative or Regulatory Reference	Local Government Act 1993
Applicable Delegation of Authority	As per delegations' register
Other External References	NIL
Attachments	NIL
Record Notes	Externally available document
Version Control	See last page

Document:	Council Policy	<i>Uncontrolled Copy When Printed</i>	
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for Council to support community gardens.

2. BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for managing the competing demands on Council land in the densely populated Inner West. Council supports the establishment of community gardens on this land for food growing where appropriate. The benefits that flow from the establishment of community gardens include:

- Access to local, organically grown food
- Enjoyable, creative spaces
- Improved wellbeing, social inclusion and community connection, reduced loneliness and social isolation
- Public examples of sustainable design and alternative ways to use public space
- Enhanced, unique character in neighbourhoods through local cultural enrichment
- Active and healthy communities, through increased passive recreation and healthy eating
- Building a more resilient community who are producers not just consumers of food
- Improved opportunities for learning and participation in community life
- Reduced carbon emissions through lower intensity food production and composting, and soil carbon storage
- Improved soil and water health through green infrastructure, permeable surfaces and rainwater reuse
- Improved biodiversity through habitat creation

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are:

- To enable community groups to successfully establish and run community gardens
- To ensure community gardens on Council land are appropriately governed, designed and managed
- To establish a clear and transparent approvals framework for community garden groups on Council land
- To develop a local network of community gardens that is accessible, open and inclusive and benefits the Inner West community
- To confirm support available through Council

4. SCOPE

4.1 In scope

This policy applies to all community gardens in the Inner West local government area.
Section 7.1 only applies to community gardens on Council land.

4.2 Out of scope

This policy does not apply to:

- Verge gardens and gardens in laneways and other areas of the road reserve
- Gardens on private property where community access is not allowed

5. DEFINITIONS

Community garden: Community-managed space for non-commercial food growing and other gardening activities, accessible to and for the benefit of the local community

Community garden group ("group"): Not-for-profit, incorporated group managing, or seeking to establish, a community garden

Council land: Land owned or under the care, control and management of Inner West Council, that is both zoned as RE1 Public Recreation and allows for community gardening in its park Plan of Management

6. POLICY STATEMENT

Council aims to enable and encourage community gardens that contribute to an ecologically sustainable Inner West, liveable neighbourhoods and caring, happy, healthy communities. Community gardens are led by and managed by community members. Community guardianship strengthens the longevity, sustainability and success of community gardens.

The establishment and development of community gardens on Council land have historically been facilitated through licences although a deed can be used. Community garden groups can apply for Council grant funding to develop appropriately designed and managed community gardens, including groups operating on land not owned or managed by Council.

7. POLICY

7.1 Community gardens on Council land

This section 7.1 applies only to community gardens on Council land.

Council enables community gardens to operate on land it manages through licences or deeds.

Other community gardens in the Inner West, on land that is not managed by Council (including church and school land), must obtain permission from the relevant land manager, and relevant planning approvals from Council.

Council may support the establishment of new community gardens on Council land where it can be demonstrated that:

- The park's Plan of Management authorises community gardening
- The proposed community garden is in keeping with the Plan of Management, the open space values of the park are not adversely affected, and potential for conflict with existing users and neighbours is minimised
- The proposed site is not within an area identified by Council as important for wildlife protection and the potential for conflict with native animals is avoided
- The design and function of the proposed community garden is one which will have long term benefits for the community, is inclusive and not for private benefit
- There is wide support for a community garden in a particular neighbourhood and that such needs are not currently met locally
- There has been comprehensive community engagement on the development of the proposed community garden
- The community garden group has an agreed framework for governance, self-management and resourcing of the proposed community garden for example the group is incorporated, with a risk management framework, Code of Conduct and resourcing plan
- The group has sufficient resources to establish and manage the proposed community garden in the long term

7.1.2 Eligibility

To use Council land, groups must be incorporated and not-for-profit, and successfully apply for a licence or deed through the process outlined in Section 9. The group's committee members and membership should be predominantly Inner West community members. The community garden must be open to the public at all times and benefit the Inner West community.

7.1.3 Application process

Establishing a community garden can be a complex and lengthy process that requires consultation with multiple stakeholders. The establishment and management of

community gardens requires substantial effort and involvement from community volunteers in planning, decision-making and day-to-day garden activities. Being community-led, community gardens involve minimal Council management, support or intervention.

The application process is designed to ensure that community garden groups have a solid foundation before a licence or deed is signed, particularly in terms of group governance, project planning and community support.

During the application period, relationships and shared expectations are established between the group, Council and wider community. Council provides guidance to groups during this time. The goal is that groups are empowered to enjoy relative independence, community goodwill and long-term success.

The flowchart in Section 9 outlines the steps to establish a new community garden.

7.1.4 Community garden activities

Activities typically include the installation of raised bed gardens, composting and worm farming, mulching, organic garden management, growing and harvesting of food plants, establishment and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems, and non-commercial community events like working bees, open days, workshops and tours.

Due to widespread soil contamination in the Inner West, all new garden beds are required to be raised.

When making decisions about which activities it agrees to, Council will consider the context of each site and each group's needs and capacity. Some activities may require development approval.

7.1.5 Access and inclusion

Community gardens should be welcoming and inclusive places. Inclusive practices can be deliberately planned, through physical garden design, diverse opportunities for participation, a welcoming group culture, regular promotion, clear communication, and connecting with the broader community.

Council has an obligation to ensure public access to parks, and requires community gardens to be accessible at all times. Gardens in public spaces can be subject to theft or damage including those that have high fences and locked gates. Offering an inclusive and welcoming space that is regularly used can be a positive way to reduce this risk.

7.1.6 Ongoing requirements

Ongoing requirements will be included as conditions of the deed or licence with Council. Generally, community garden groups are expected to:

- Comply with the law, this policy and conditions of their deed or licence
- Work safely and manage risks

- Protect the environment
- Ensure the public can visit the community garden at all times
- Maintain a pleasant, safe and welcoming environment
- Establish and follow a code of conduct and conflict resolution process
- Liaise with Council, provide information and participate in activities as required in their agreement
- Support use of the community garden for education and demonstration purposes

7.1.7 Council fees and charges

Council does not charge groups to use Council land for community gardening. Council reserves the right to charge groups for the cost of utilities, such as water.

7.1.8 Risk management and insurance

All community garden groups working on Council land must satisfactorily complete a risk management process before a licence or deed to undertake community garden work is developed. It is essential that community garden groups identify and manage risks associated with undertaking a publicly accessible community garden project and maintain a record of activities undertaken by members and helpers. Council and groups have a duty of care to maintain a safe environment for the community who access community gardens.

Council requires community garden groups working on Council land to hold appropriate insurances. Council has personal injury insurance cover for individuals undertaking approved community garden activities. However, community garden groups must ensure they take out public liability insurance cover to the value of \$20,000,000 for any third-party claims.

Any claim made against Council's insurance policy for an individual will be subject to an assessment by Council's insurer to determine whether the claim meets the requirements of the policy, whether there is a record of activities undertaken and by whom and whether appropriate risk management and safety practices have been adhered to by the individual.

7.2 Council support available to all community gardens

Many community gardens are on land that is not managed by Council, including gardens on church and school land.

Support available to all community garden groups from Council includes:

- Access to contestable grant funding for the establishment or development of community garden projects, in line with Council's Grants and Fee Scale Policy and the annual Grant Program Guidelines
- Promotion through Council's website, workshops, communications, events and publications
- In-kind support where resources are available (e.g. native seedlings and mulch)

- Community garden network support to promote peer-to-peer learning and development
- Free or reduced cost access to community venues, in line with the Grants and Fee Scale Policy

Support does not include:

- Administrative functions (e.g. chairing meetings, minute taking, photocopying)
- Operational funding such as incorporation fees, wages, and on-going provision of materials
- Financial administration, including holding money on behalf of community garden groups
- Promotional services for individual groups (e.g. maintenance of social media accounts, online platforms, flyer design and distribution)
- Consumables, food or beverages

8. RESPONSIBILITIES

Urban Sustainability Manager is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff have adequate resources to comply with the requirements of this policy
- Reviewing and updating this policy as and when needed
- Approving community garden applications and entering licences or deeds

Urban Sustainability staff are responsible for:

- Reviewing applications in accordance with this policy
- Liaising with community gardens groups regarding applications and agreements

Parks Planning and Recreation staff are responsible for:

- Providing advice on parks plans of management in relation to community garden applications

Lawyer is responsible for:

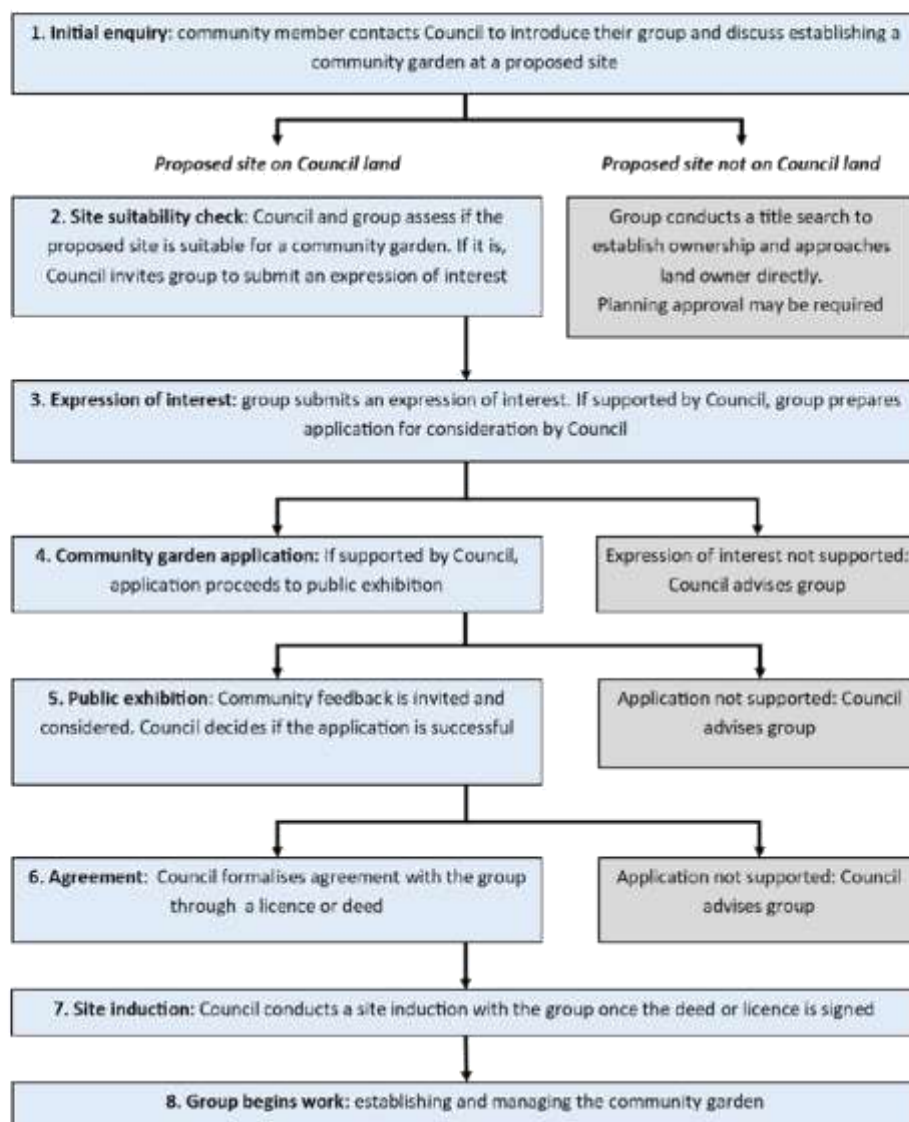
- Drafting licence or deed

Community garden groups are responsible for:

- Developing and maintaining community gardens in accordance with this policy and their licence or deed

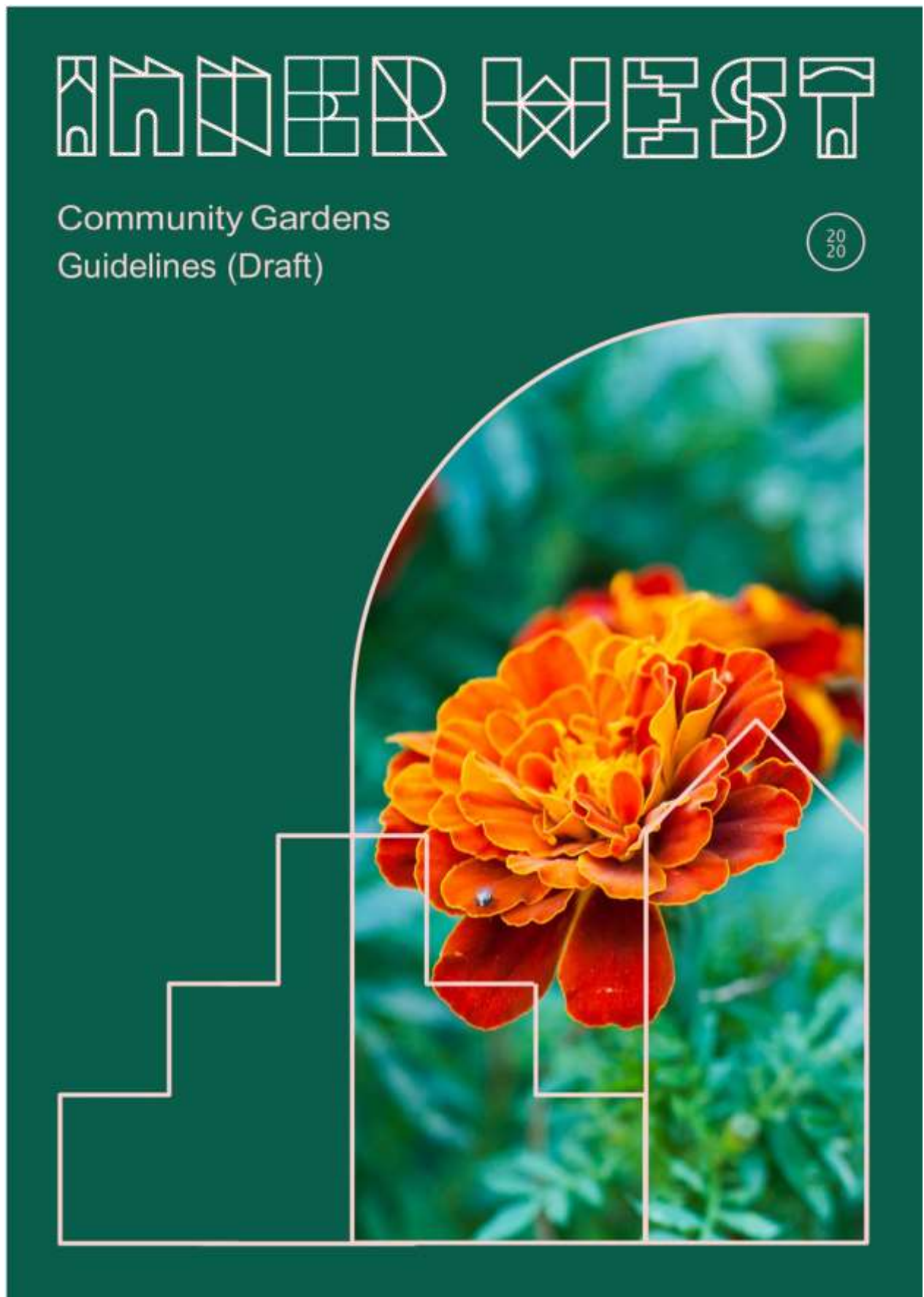
9. ASSOCIATED PROCEDURE

Starting a community garden on Council land - refer to Community Gardens Guidelines for further details



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These guidelines are correct at the time of publishing and Inner West Council shall not be liable for technical or other errors or omissions contained herein. The guidelines support the Inner West Community Gardens Policy.

Inner West Council acknowledges the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora nation who are the traditional custodians of this land, and would also like to pay respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their young people who will be our future leaders

Introduction

Inner West Council's Community Gardens Policy provides the framework for Council to support community gardens.

In the Inner West, community gardens are designed, built and maintained by independent groups made up of community members. Council aims to enable and encourage community gardens that contribute to an ecologically sustainable Inner West, liveable neighbourhoods and caring, happy, healthy communities. Community guardianship strengthens the longevity, sustainability and success of community gardens.

These Community Gardens Guidelines are to assist groups seeking to develop new gardens on Council land.

For the purposes of the Community Gardens Guidelines, Council land refers to land owned or under the care, control and management of Inner West Council zoned as Public Recreation.

What is a community garden?

A community garden is a community-managed space for non-commercial food growing and other gardening activities, accessible to and for the benefit of the local community.

Gardens outside the scope of the Community Gardens Policy are:

- Verge gardens and gardens in laneways and other areas of the road reserve
- Gardens on private property where community access is not allowed.



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Considering a new community garden?

Establishing a community garden is a significant, long term project that requires ongoing effort and involvement from community members – even before the garden exists.

Being aware of what's involved and setting realistic expectations of timeframes means your group is more likely to see the project through.

Before you get started, it's helpful to ask:

- Is there an existing community garden to join?
- Have you visited other community gardens to see how they work and understand what's involved with starting and maintaining a garden?
- Is there enough community interest – both in numbers, level of commitment and enthusiasm?
- Is there wider community support for the proposed community garden?

Establishing a community garden group

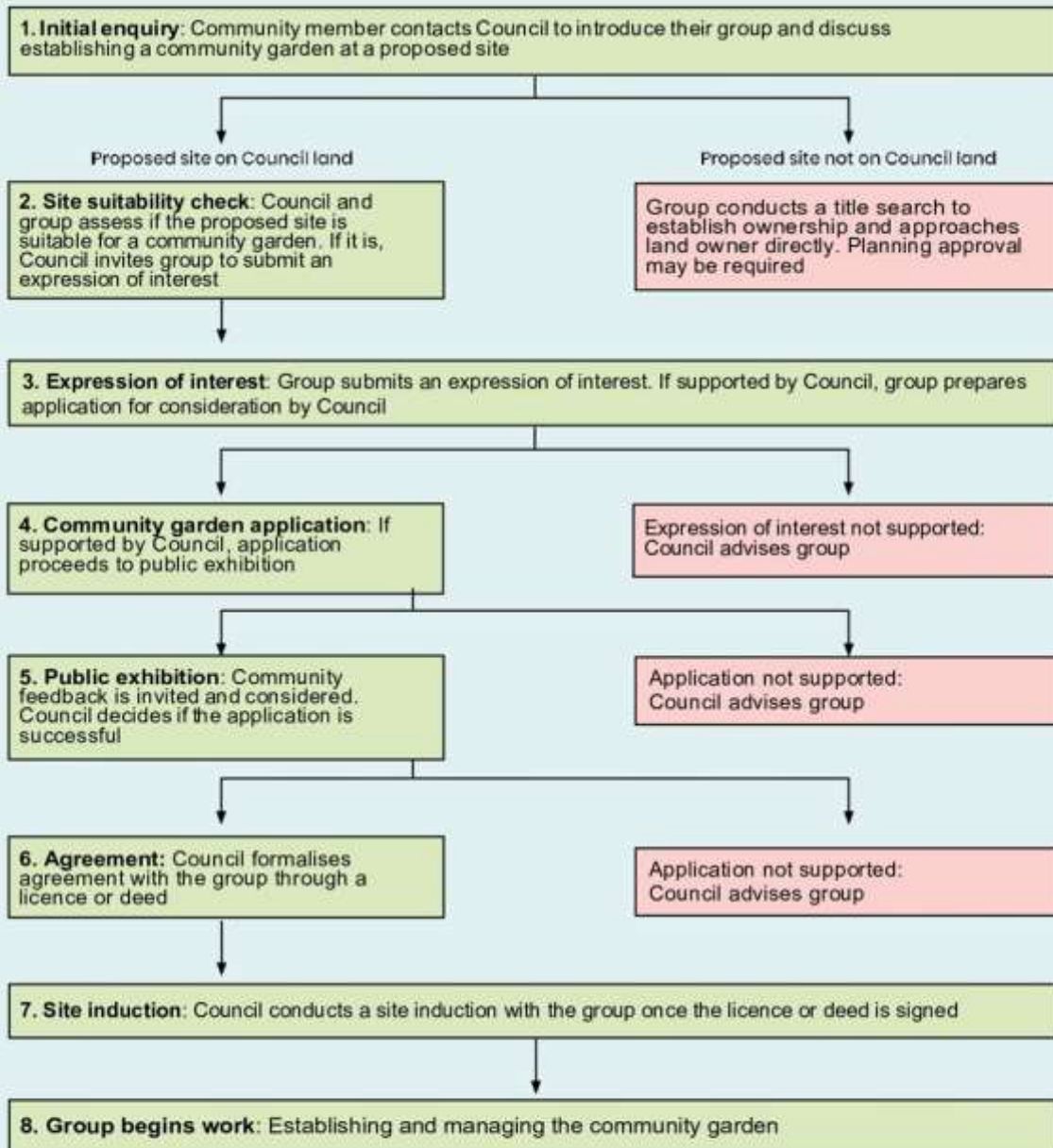
A key component of successful community gardens is the people involved. The first thing to do is get a group together who are committed to the project. If you plan to establish a community garden on Council land, you will need to demonstrate to Council that there is broad community support for the garden and that your group has the capacity to establish and manage the garden long term. Look for opportunities to form relationships and build community. Your group should predominantly be made up of Inner West community members.

Many skills come in handy when developing and maintaining a community garden – identify the skills, resources and networks of your group and make the most of them. Useful skills your group could have are gardening or horticultural knowledge, landscape design and construction. Experience working with community groups and volunteers is also invaluable and it is essential that time is taken to build the relationships within your group. Other useful skills include encouraging and organising others, managing meetings, completing paperwork, raising funds and posting on social media. Successful groups use their strengths and share the load.

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Starting a community garden on Council land

The process for starting a community garden on Council land is stepped out below. It relates to gardens on Council land, but many of the activities are also helpful for establishing community gardens on non-Council land. The process supports an independent and successful group, and a well-planned and well-resourced garden.



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1. Initial enquiry

When you contact Council and introduce your group, project idea and proposed site, Council staff will conduct an initial investigation. At this stage, Council will look at:

- The land tenure (whether the proposed garden location is on Council land)*
- The land use category and what it allows or restricts
- Whether the relevant park Plan of Management authorises community gardening
- The site's capacity to accommodate a community garden - there are many competing demands on public open space in the Inner West
- Whether there is demonstrated interest from the community (eg number in your group and their commitment/interest)
- Potential benefits to the community

*If a proposed community garden is situated on land not managed by Council (such as school or church land), your group must have permission from the relevant landowner or manager. Note that planning approval may be required from Council.

2. Site suitability check

Council staff then visit the site with your group to discuss if the site is suitable for a community garden, considering areas such as:

- **Location and context:** Is the proposed community garden in keeping with Council's Plan of Management for the site; how will the proposed garden affect the open space values of the park; has the site been identified for wildlife protection; what is the potential for connection or conflict with park users and neighbours; is there benefit in having a garden here?
- **Safety:** Are there safety or health concerns; can these be addressed; is there good passive surveillance (eg can the proposed garden be seen from the road, nearby houses or retail areas); what is the potential for community activation?
- **Access:** Can people get there and access the site eg does it have accessible footpaths and facilities, is it close to public transport, accessible parking, and is there access for deliveries?
- **Solar aspect:** Is the site suitable for growing food, ie does it receive full sunlight for at least five to six hours per day?
- **Terrain:** Is the site appropriate for the activities that your group wants to undertake eg is it relatively flat, protected from wind, sheltered?
- **Size:** Is the site appropriate for the project and likely size of your group?
- **Water:** Is there access to a water supply or possibility of harvesting rainwater from neighbouring buildings?

3. Expression of interest

If the site is suitable, Council will invite your group to submit a simple expression of interest that outlines:

- The exact location and size of the proposed garden.
- Your group's shared vision for the proposed garden and its benefits to the community.
- Contact details for your group. Your group may not have a formal structure at this stage but includes several community members committed to developing the project. This organising group will eventually prepare the application.
- The size of the organising group and longer term proposed size of your group's membership.
- Interest from the broader community and any wider support for a community garden at the proposed location.

If your expression of interest is supported by Council, staff will meet with your group to progress a full application and discuss requirements like public liability insurance, incorporation and formalising the use through a licence or deed.

4. Community garden application

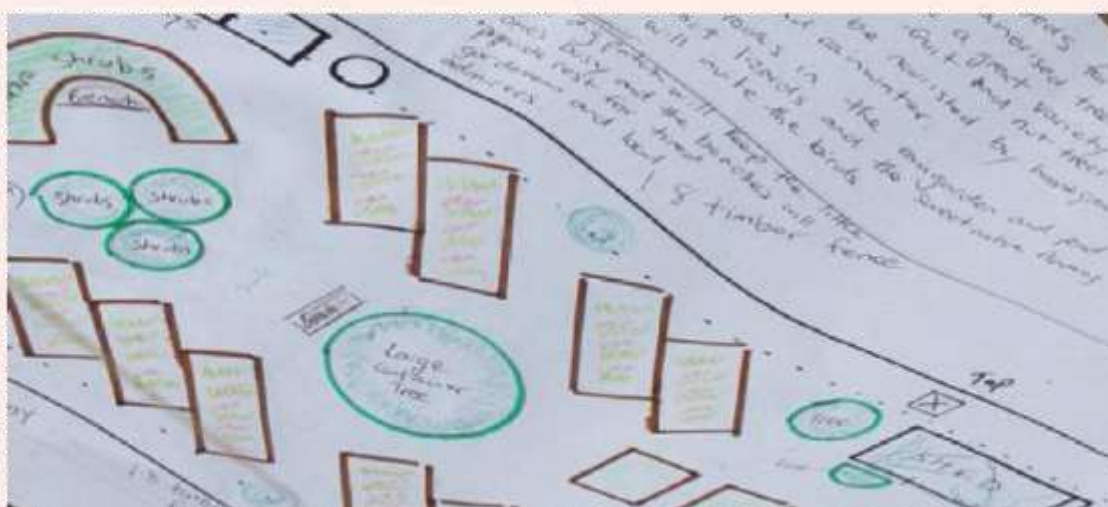
Once your group is functioning well, has good community support and has planned out the resources (volunteer time, skills and expertise, materials, funding) and processes required to establish and maintain the garden, you are ready to develop your application. Groups that take the time to plan and design their project together are more likely to be successful.

Council can provide advice and support to your group and has developed an online application process to step you through. The application will be submitted online with the site plan and a community garden management plan for your proposed community garden.

Some design elements and activities may require planning approval, which is a separate process to the community garden application.

4.i. Site plan

This shows the physical design of the proposed garden and likely activities (eg composting).



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4.ii. Community garden management plan

The management plan defines the overall vision and objectives for the garden, describes the roles and responsibilities of the group members, and how the group will work together.

The plan covers your group's:

- Governance: eg code of conduct, decision-making and conflict resolution processes, membership and management structure
- Garden and group management: eg induction process, planned activities, use of space, risk management plan, gardening approach, resourcing plan, communication
- Access and inclusion: eg how your group will invite and include members, visitors and the wider community to participate in activities and benefit from the garden

All community garden groups are required to:

- Comply with the law and Council's Community Gardens Policy
- Work safely and manage risks
- Protect the environment
- Ensure the public can visit the community garden at all times
- Maintain a pleasant, safe and welcoming environment
- Establish and follow a clear code of conduct and conflict resolution process
- Liaise with Council, provide information and participate in activities as required by agreement
- Establish and maintain a contact person for the group
- Support use of the community garden for education and demonstration purposes

4.iii. Resourcing

Community gardens groups need to aim for long-term financial sustainability and the self-sufficiency of the group and garden.

Your resourcing plan will cover how you will fund establishment and operational costs. For example:

- Public liability insurance and incorporated association fees
- Costs of involving the community (eg promotional material, mail-outs)
- Garden materials such as garden beds, tools, soil and plants
- Engaging professionals or contractors to design and/ or build the garden, if needed

Many groups raise funds through annual membership fees which can be a consistent income stream, grants from other bodies, donations from local community members and businesses.

Your group's community garden management plan will demonstrate how you will practically achieve this.

The application is your opportunity to show how your community garden will benefit the Inner West community and demonstrate that your group has the capacity to govern and manage it. Once this is clear, Council will invite feedback from the wider community.

5. Public exhibition

Your group's application, site plan, and community garden management plan will be put on public exhibition for 28 days so the wider community can comment on the proposal. All feedback will be considered by Council in making a decision.

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Group Incorporation

Council requires community garden groups on Council land to have a clear and identified legal structure. Therefore, groups using Council land are required to apply to [NSW Fair Trading](#) to become Incorporated Associations.

Becoming an Incorporated Association provides groups with flexibility in the management of funds and enables them to open a bank account, obtain public liability insurance cover and apply for government grants.

Incorporation as an association requires groups to establish a management committee with annually elected office bearers and to commit to regular meetings. Having a committee helps share the tasks of garden management and avoids excessive responsibility being placed on a few people.

Documented evidence of the establishment of an Incorporated Association must be supplied to Council prior to any licence or deed being developed.

Risk and Insurance

All community garden groups working on Council land must satisfactorily complete a risk management process before a licence or deed to undertake community garden work is developed. It is essential that community garden groups identify and manage risks associated with undertaking a publicly accessible community garden project and maintain a record of activities undertaken by members and helpers. Council and groups have a duty of care to maintain a safe environment for the community who access community gardens.

Council requires community garden groups working on Council land to hold appropriate insurances. Council has personal injury insurance cover for individuals undertaking approved community garden activities. However, community garden groups must ensure they take out public liability insurance cover to the value of \$20,000,000 for any third-party claims.

Any claim made against Council's insurance policy for an individual will be subject to an assessment by Council's insurer to determine whether the claim meets the requirements of the policy, whether there is a record of activities undertaken and by whom and whether appropriate risk management and safety practices have been adhered to by the individual.



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Community Gardens Guidelines 2020 (Draft)

6. Agreement with Council

Following public exhibition, Council will make a decision to approve or decline your application. If approved, Council will develop a licence or deed. By the time this is signed your group must be incorporated and insured.

The licence or deed will contain special conditions and outline the activities that will be permitted to enable your group to develop and maintain the community garden. These are specific to the site and group. Any proposed changes to garden activities or the use of space require approval from Council.

Activities typically include the installation of raised bed gardens, composting and worm farming, mulching, organic garden management, growing and harvesting of food plants, establishment and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems, and non-commercial community events like working bees, open days, workshops and tours.

Due to widespread soil contamination in the Inner West, all new garden beds are required to be raised with an underlying barrier, such as geotech fabric. Soil or compost brought onsite must meet relevant Australian Standards. The raised beds should be at least 450mm tall and taller if required to accommodate the plants' root systems. This precautionary approach has been adopted because the certified, comprehensive soil testing otherwise required is expensive and complex, and would create a burden to groups, because of the very high likelihood that testing will confirm contamination.

When determining what is allowed, Council will consider the context of each site and each group's needs and capacity. Some activities may require development approval which is a separate process.

The initial licence or deed will be for two years with an option for an additional three year agreement after this period.

Council reserves the right to revoke or not renew a licence or deed if:

- your group disbands or ceases to function
- the site becomes unsafe
- conditions of the licence or deed are breached
- requirements of the Community Gardens Policy are not met
- appropriate insurance cover is not maintained

7. Site induction

Council will conduct a site induction with your group when the licence or deed is executed. Groups must be covered by public liability insurance before any work or activities begin on the site.



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1. Group begins work – establishing and managing the garden

Your group gets on with creating and maintaining a successful community garden, to be enjoyed by garden members and the broader community.

Council encourages groups to build local relationships and connect across the Inner West by:

- Participating in the Inner West Community Garden Network, which has regular meetings and updates
- Sharing information about the community garden on Council's website
- Promoting community garden events through Council channels

As described in the Community Gardens Policy, support is available from Council, including:

- Access to contestable grant funding for the establishment or development of community garden projects, in line with Council's [Grants and Fee Scale Policy](#) and the annual [Grant Program](#).

- Promotion through Council's website, workshops, communications, events and publications
- In-kind support where resources are available eg native seedlings and mulch
- Community garden network support to promote peer- to-peer learning and development
- Free or reduced cost access to community venues, in line with the Grants and Fee Scale Policy

Council looks forward to working with you and seeing your group and garden grow.

For further information about community
gardens in the InnerWest,
visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CommunityGardens

Item No: C1020(2) Item 7

Subject: LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER 2020

Prepared By: Manod Wickramasinghe - Traffic and Transport Planning Manager

Authorised By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held in October 2020 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

ITEMS BY WARD

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Donnelly Street, Balmain - Proposed Speed Cushions
	Marion Street, Leichhardt - Extension of Bus Zone
	Traffic Management Plan for the 2020 New Year's Eve Event
	Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works - Watson Lane at Booth Street, Balmain
	Red Lion Street, Rozelle - Annual Road Occupancy (Street Party)
	Charles Street (between Wallace Lane and Ewenton Street), Balmain
	Unnamed Lane (rear of 168 Norton Street) between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt - Road Occupancy
	Signage at Paul Street and Weston Street intersection, Balmain East
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Marion Street, Leichhardt - Extension of Bus Zone
	Unnamed Lane (rear of 168 Norton Street) between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt - Road Occupancy
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Nil.
Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Petition for improvements to Edward Street, Summer Hill
Damun (Stanmore)	Kingston Lane, Camperdown Between Marmion Street and Salisbury Road - Temporary Full Road Closure for Street Party – Saturday 5 December 2020
	Probert Lane, Camperdown Between St Marys Street and Bishopgate Lane - Temporary Full Road Closure for Street Party – Saturday 28 November 2020
	Request for timed parking around Enmore Park
All Wards	Nil.

DISCUSSION

The October 2020 meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held remotely. The Agenda was sent to Committee members with a week to provide comments. The minutes of the meeting are shown at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects proposed for implementation are funded within existing budget allocations.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Specific projects have undergone public consultation as indicated in the respective reports to the Traffic Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [LTC meeting minutes October 2020](#)

Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting

Held electronically in October 2020

Item 7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Clr Victor Macri	Councillor – Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward (Chair)
SC Tony Kenny	NSW Police - Inner West Police Area Command
Tanmila Samin Islam	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Christina Ip	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

Nil.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held in September 2020 were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

The Local Traffic Committee recommendations of its meeting held in September 2020 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 22 September 2020.

Attachment 1

LTC1020 Item 1 Kingston Lane, Camperdown Between Marmion Street and Salisbury Road - Temporary Full Road Closure for Street Party – Saturday 5 December 2020 (Damum-Stanmore Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

An application has been received from a resident for the temporary full road closure of Kingston Lane, Camperdown between Marmion Street and Salisbury Road for a period of five hours on Saturday, 5 December 2020 in order to hold a street party. It is recommended that the proposed temporary road closure be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Kingston Lane, Camperdown between Marmion Street and Salisbury Road for a period of 5 hours on Saturday 5 December 2020 between 4.00pm and 9.00pm be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the Conditions of Approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;
3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION

The representative for Inner West PAC supported the recommendation provided that the Public Health order is abided by in regards to outdoor public gatherings. People can participate in outdoor public gatherings of no more than 20 people and the representative stated that if information is obtained that more than 20 persons from a local street will be involved in a gathering, permission should not be granted to hold such an event.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Kingston Lane, Camperdown between Marmion Street and Salisbury Road for a period of 5 hours on Saturday 5 December 2020 between 4.00pm and 9.00pm be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the Conditions of Approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;

2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;
3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 2 Probert Lane, Camperdown Between St Marys Street and Bishopgate Lane - Temporary Full Road Closure for Street Party – Saturday 28 November 2020 (Damum-Stanmore Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

An application has been received from a resident for the temporary full road closure of Probert Lane, Camperdown between St Marys Street and Bishopgate Lane for a period of five hours on Saturday, 28 November 2020 in order to hold a street party. It is recommended that the proposed temporary road closure be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Probert Lane, Camperdown between St Marys Street and Bishopgate Lane for a period of five hours on Saturday, 28 November 2020 between 2.00pm and 7.00pm be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the Conditions of Approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;
3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION

The representative for Inner West PAC supported the recommendation provided that the Public Health order is abided by in regards to outdoor public gatherings. People can participate in outdoor public gatherings of no more than 20 people and the representative stated that if information is obtained that more than 20 persons from a local street will be involved in a gathering, permission should not be granted to hold such an event.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Probert Lane, Camperdown between St Marys Street and Bishopgate Lane for a period of five hours on Saturday, 28 November 2020 between 2.00pm and 7.00pm be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the Conditions of Approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

- 1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;**
- 2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Local Area Commander, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;**
- 3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and**
- 4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 3 Donnelly Street, Balmain - Proposed Speed Cushions (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has finalised a design plan for the proposed construction of speed cushions, reconstruction of existing kerb, gutter and footpath, as well as resurfacing the road in Donnelly Street, Balmain. The works are proposed to improve pedestrian and motorist safety in the area.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10135_A) for reconstruction of existing kerb, gutter and footpath, resurfacing of road and the proposed speed cushions with line marking in Donnelly Street, Balmain (in front of property Nos. 11 &13) be approved.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10135_A) for reconstruction of existing kerb, gutter and footpath, resurfacing of road and the proposed speed cushions with line marking in Donnelly Street, Balmain (in front of property Nos. 11 &13) be approved.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 4 Marion Street, Leichhardt - Extension of Bus Zone (Gulgadga - Leichhardt & Baludarri - Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council received a request from Transit Systems to extend the existing 'Bus Zone' on the southern side of Marion Street, Leichhardt (in front on the Leichhardt Marketplace) to prevent buses from overhanging into the signalised pedestrian crossing at Flood Street and impeding pedestrian movements.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the existing 5.8m 'Disabled Parking' zone on the southern side of Marion Street, Leichhardt (in front on the Leichhardt Marketplace) be removed and the existing 24.5m 'Bus Zone' be extended to 30.3m in length (extending to the west).

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the existing 5.8m 'Disabled Parking' zone on the southern side of Marion Street, Leichhardt (in front on the Leichhardt Marketplace) be removed and the existing 24.5m 'Bus Zone' be extended to 30.3m in length (extending to the west).

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 5 Traffic Management Plan for the 2020 New Year's Eve Event (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

As instructed by the Police, access to the Balmain peninsula is closed to vehicular traffic every New Year's Eve. This report outlines the traffic management associated with the event.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The Traffic Management Plan (Attachment 1) detailing the traffic arrangements for the 2020 New Year's Eve be supported;
2. The Traffic Management Plan (Attachment 1) be forwarded to Council's Parks and Streetscapes Coordinator, Transport Management Centre and the Major Events & Incidents Group (NSW Police);
3. A temporary 'No Stopping' zone be installed on the eastern side of Montague Street between Darling Street and Beattie Street, Balmain;
4. The following temporary modifications to bus stops be approved:
 - a. On the northern side of Darling Street:
 - i. Install temporary 'Bus Zones' between Mort Street and Ford Street
 - ii. Extend the 'Bus Zone' between Ford Street and McDonald Street
 - iii. Extend the 'Bus Zone' between McDonald Street and Curtis Road, outside Nos.217-223 Darling Street
 - b. On the southern side of Darling Street:
 - i. Install a temporary 'Bus Zone' between Booth Street and Beattie Street, outside No. 244-270 Darling Street.
 - c. On the eastern side of Grove Street between Wharf Road and Bay Street, Birchgrove.
5. The Transit Systems representative be requested to place adequate notices on buses regarding the establishment of an alcohol free zone in the Balmain East area (details to be provided by Council);
6. The taxi/hire car access to the Peninsula be restricted from 7:00pm;
7. Taxis/hire cars carrying mobility impaired or infirmed residents be permitted access at all hours into the Peninsula; and
8. The NSW Taxi Council be advised of the Committee's recommendation.

DISCUSSION

The TfNSW representative requested that the recommendation specify the class of the event. It was noted that the New Years Eve event is a Class 1 event and the recommendation was amended to include the class.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Traffic Management Plan (Attachment 1) detailing the traffic arrangements for the 2020 New Year's Eve (Class 1 Event) be supported;
2. The Traffic Management Plan (Attachment 1) be forwarded to Council's Parks and Streetscapes Coordinator, Transport Management Centre and the Major Events & Incidents Group (NSW Police);
3. A temporary 'No Stopping' zone be installed on the eastern side of Montague

Street between Darling Street and Beattie Street, Balmain;

4. The following temporary modifications to bus stops be approved:
 - a. On the northern side of Darling Street:
 - i. Install temporary 'Bus Zones' between Mort Street and Ford Street
 - ii. Extend the 'Bus Zone' between Ford Street and McDonald Street
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 - b. On the southern side of Darling Street:
 - i. Install a temporary 'Bus Zone' between Booth Street and Beattie Street, outside No. 244-270 Darling Street.
 - c. On the eastern side of Grove Street between Wharf Road and Bay Street, Birchgrove.
5. The Transit Systems representative be requested to place adequate notices on buses regarding the establishment of an alcohol free zone in the Balmain East area (details to be provided by Council);
6. The taxi/hire car access to the Peninsula be restricted from 7:00pm;
7. Taxis/hire cars carrying mobility impaired or infirmed residents be permitted access at all hours into the Peninsula; and
8. The NSW Taxi Council be advised of the Committee's recommendation.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 6 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works - Watson Lane at Booth Street, Balmain (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has finalised a design plan for the proposed continuous footpath treatment on Watson Lane at the intersection of Booth Street, Balmain. The intention of the proposal is to address concerns about pedestrian safety and driver behaviour in the area by slowing traffic and prioritising pedestrians crossing Watsons Lane.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10145) for the proposed continuous footpath treatment on Watson Lane at the intersection of Booth Street, Balmain be approved.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the detailed design plan (Design Plan No.10145) for the proposed continuous footpath treatment on Watson Lane at the intersection of Booth Street, Balmain be approved.

For motion: Unanimous

**LTC1020 Item 7 Red Lion Street, Rozelle - Annual Road Occupancy (Street Party)
(Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from a resident for approval of a temporary full road closure of Red Lion Street, between Darling Street and Evans Street, Rozelle on Saturday, 19 December 2020 from 6:00pm – 12:00midnight.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Red Lion Street, Rozelle between Darling Street and Evans Street on Saturday, 19 December 2020 between 6:00pm and 12:00midnight be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the conditions of approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;
3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Red Lion Street, Rozelle between Darling Street and Evans Street on Saturday, 19 December 2020 between 6:00pm and 12:00midnight be APPROVED, in order to hold a street party, subject to the conditions of approval as set out in the Street Party Application Form and the following conditions:

1. Latest government and health advice on Covid-19 is followed at the time of the event including gatherings and/or social distancing restrictions;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary road closure at least 14 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders;
3. The applicant is to set out the road closure as per the attached typical Traffic

Control Plan (TCP) and a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access be maintained through the closed road areas during the course of the event; and

- 4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 8 Unnamed Lane (rear of 168 Norton Street) between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt - Road Occupancy (Gulgadga - Leichhardt & Baludarri - Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from Growth Built Pty Ltd for approval of a temporary full road closure of the Unnamed Lane (rear of 168 Norton Street), between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 23 November 2020 to 10 December 2020, between 7:00am-5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday (with a contingency period of two weeks) for stormwater and retaining wall works at 168 Norton Street, Leichhardt.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Unnamed Lane, between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 23 November 2020 to 10 December 2020, between 7:00am-5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday (with a contingency period of two weeks) be approved for stormwater and retaining wall works at 168 Norton Street, Leichhardt subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the attached Traffic Control Plan (TCP) be submitted to TfNSW prior to the start of works;
2. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;
3. All affected residents and businesses, including the WestConnex, NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary full road closure at least 7 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Unnamed Lane, between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 23 November 2020 to 10 December 2020,

between 7:00am-5:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday (with a contingency period of two weeks) be approved for stormwater and retaining wall works at 168 Norton Street, Leichhardt subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the attached Traffic Control Plan (TCP) be submitted to TfNSW prior to the start of works;
2. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;
3. All affected residents and businesses, including the WestConnex, NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary full road closure at least 7 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC1020 Item 9 Charles Street (between Wallace Lane and Ewerton Street), Balmain (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from Lendlease Services Pty Ltd for approval of a temporary full road closure of Charles Street (between Wallace Lane and Ewerton Street), Balmain, from 28 October 2020 to 31 October 2020, between 7:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday with additional contingency dates of 2 November 2020 to 7 November 2020 for crane and Elevating Work Platform works (mobile rooftop upgrade) at 156 Darling Street, Balmain.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Charles Street (between Wallace Lane and Ewerton Street), Balmain from 28 October 2020 to 31 October 2020, between 7:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday with additional contingency dates of 2 November 2020 to 7 November 2020 be approved for the for crane and Elevating Work Platform works (mobile rooftop upgrade) at 156 Darling Street, Balmain subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the attached Traffic Control Plan (TCP) be submitted to TfNSW prior to the start of works;
2. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;

3. All affected residents and businesses, including the WestConnex, NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary full road closure at least 7 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders; and
4. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Charles Street (between Wallace Lane and Ewinton Street), Balmain from 28 October 2020 to 31 October 2020, between 7:00am-6:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday with additional contingency dates of 2 November 2020 to 7 November 2020 be approved for the for crane and Elevating Work Platform works (mobile rooftop upgrade) at 156 Darling Street, Balmain subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. **A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the attached Traffic Control Plan (TCP) be submitted to TfNSW prior to the start of works;**
2. **A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;**
3. **All affected residents and businesses, including the WestConnex, NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary full road closure at least 7 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders; and**
4. **The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For motion: Unanimous

General Business

LTC1020 Item 10 Signage at Paul Street and Weston Street intersection, Balmain East

Clr Macri received a request for signage at the intersection of Paul Street and Weston Street be investigated. The resident making the request stated motorists travelling on Paul Street often believe that the One-Way sign at the entry of Illoura Reserve applies to Weston Street, leading them to turn right into the No Through Road side of Weston Street. The resident suggested moving the One-Way sign to the southern side of the Illoura Reserve entry to clear up the confusion. Council Officers will investigate signage at the intersection.

LTC1020 Item 11 Request for timed parking around Enmore Park

Clr Macri, on behalf of a resident, requested that Council investigate installing timed parking around Enmore Park to deter long-term parking from campers. Council Officers will investigate this request.

LTC1020 Item 12 Petition for improvements to Edward Street, Summer Hill

Clr Macri tabled a petition from residents of The Flour Mill, Summer Hill, requesting improvements to Edward Street and surrounding streets to address pedestrian and road safety. The petitioners requested for:

- Improvements at the intersection of Edward Street, Mungo Scott Place and Wellesley Street to address poor visibility for vehicles exiting Mungo Scott Place;
- Traffic calming on Edward Street;
- Marked (zebra) pedestrian crossing on Edward Street;
- Resealing of Edward Street road surface;
- The intersection of Old Canterbury Road and Edward Street to be signalised in the future.

Council Officers will investigate these requests.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 8

Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Prepared By: Brendhan Barry - Manager Financial Services

Authorised By: Daryl Jackson - Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

Council's holding in various investment categories are listed in the table below. Council's portfolio size is \$223.5m. All Socially Responsible Investments (SRI's) are investments that comply with the Non-Fossil Fuel standards. Council's annualised return continues to exceed the bank bill index benchmark. Council's portfolio had a One-Month Portfolio Investment Return of 1.62%, above the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark (0.09%).

The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for periods ending 30 September 2020.

The Current Market value is required to be accounted for. The Current Market Value is a likely outcome if Council were to consider recalling the investment prior to its due date.

All investments made for the month of September 2020 have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Local Government Regulations and the Inner West Council Investment Policy.

ADI Lending Status *	Current Month (\$)		Previous Month (\$)	
Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs				
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	4,000,000		4,000,000	
Credit Union Australia	2,000,000		2,000,000	
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006A	516,521		516,521	
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006B	1,000,000		1,000,000	
Heritage Bank	5,800,000		5,800,000	
Members Equity Bank	17,049,658		17,045,093	
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	1,700,000		1,700,000	
Suncorp Bank	39,250,000		39,250,000	
Suncorp Bank (Covered)	5,500,000		5,500,000	
Teachers Mutual Bank	4,000,000		4,000,000	
	80,816,179	36%	80,811,614	36%
Socially Responsible Investments				
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	6,000,000		6,000,000	
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000		18,200,000	
CBA (Green TD)	80,000,000		70,000,000	
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000		7,444,000	
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000		5,000,000	
Westpac Group (Green TD)	26,000,000		36,000,000	
	142,644,000	64%	142,644,000	64%
	223,460,179		223,455,614	

* source: <http://www.marketforces.org.au>
Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

EXTERNAL / INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS

Restricted	Sep 20
External Restrictions	99,078,971
Internal Restrictions	124,381,208
Total	223,460,179

ATTACHMENTS

1. [IWC Sep20](#)
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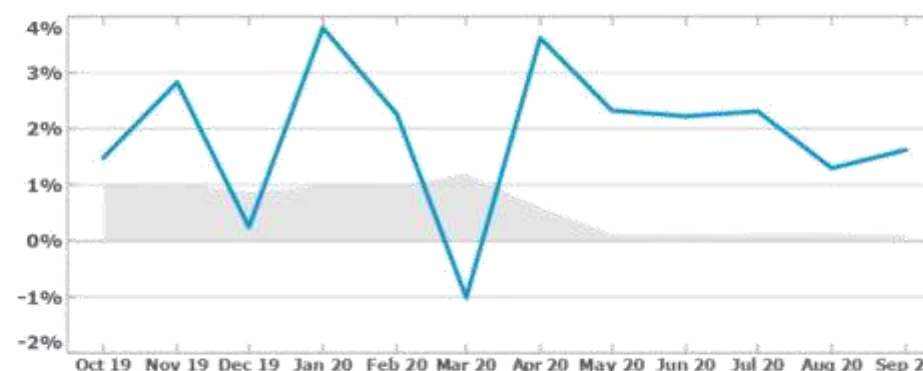


Investment Holdings

By Product	Face Value (\$)	Current Value (\$)	Current Yield (%)
Bonds	32,444,000.00	34,663,122.67	3.2115
Cash	8,549,658.26	8,549,658.26	0.6500
Floating Rate Note	40,950,000.00	41,318,844.31	1.1793
Mortgage Backed Security	1,516,520.95	1,089,322.90	0.7463
Term Deposit	140,000,000.00	140,345,682.33	1.0117
	223,460,179.21	225,966,630.47	1.3462

Face Value = capital value to be repaid upon maturity
Current Value = current market value + accrued interest
Current Yield = weighted average interest rate

Monthly Portfolio Return (%pa) based on Current Market Value of Securities



Portfolio Annualised Return Bloomberg BB Index Annualised Return

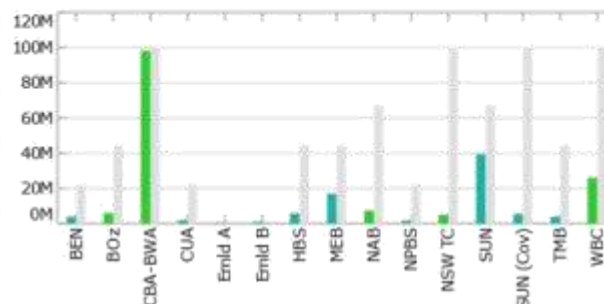
Investment Policy Compliance sorted by Socially Responsible Investments (SRIs) and non-Fossil Fuel (NFF) banks

Total Credit Exposure



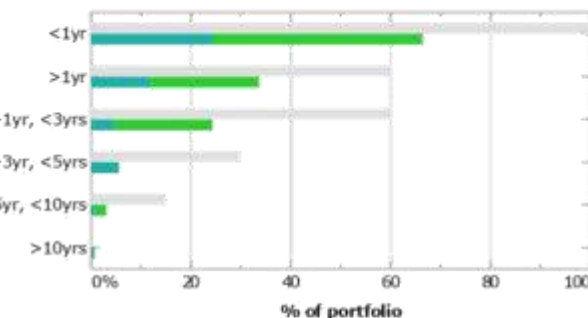
Holdings in each credit rating category vs policy limits

Individual Exposures



Holdings per bank / product provider vs policy limits

Term to Maturities



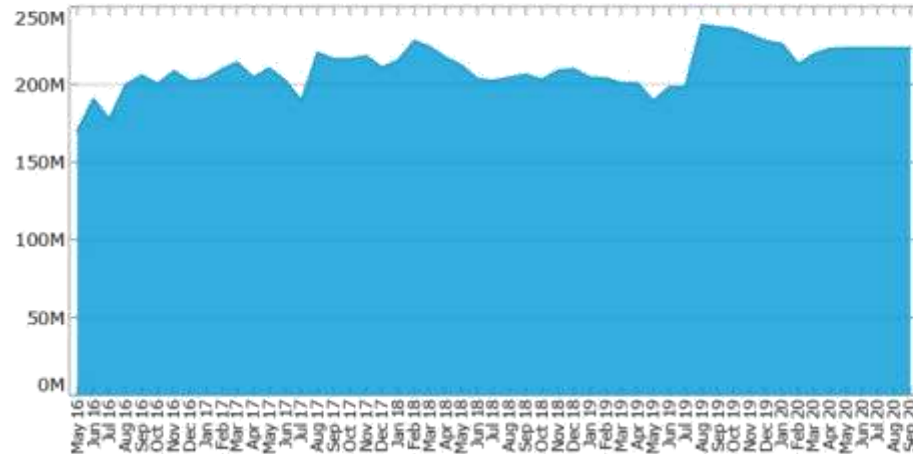
Current maturity profile of all holdings vs policy limits

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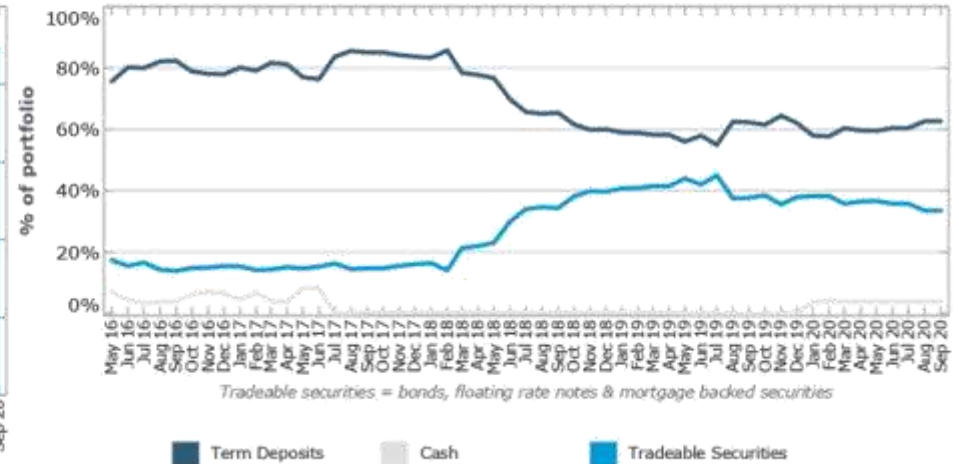
Historical Graphs - September 2020



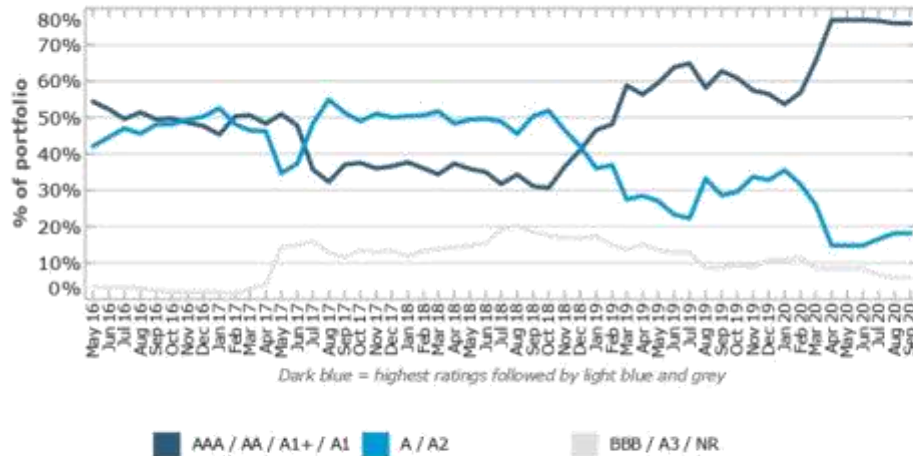
Month end investment balances since amalgamation



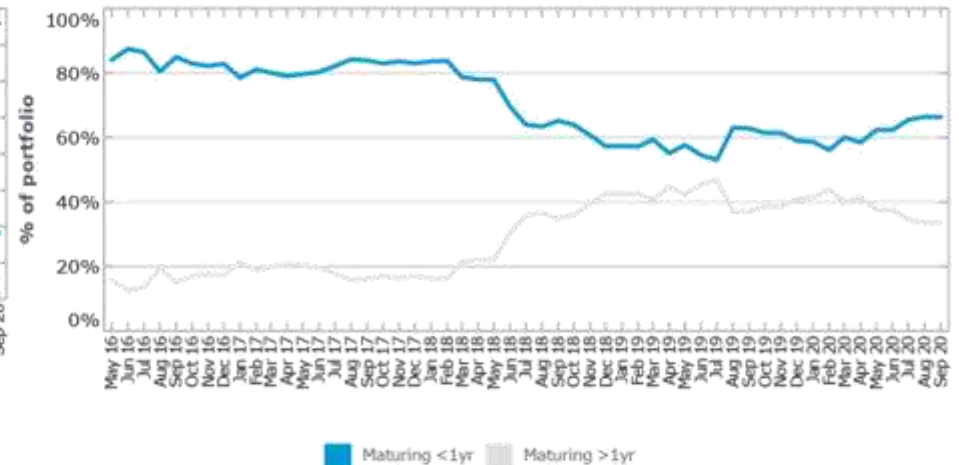
Composition of portfolio by asset type



Composition of portfolio by credit rating categories



Composition of portfolio by short (<1 yr) and long term (> 1 yr) holdings



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Cash Accounts

Face Value (\$)	Current Yield	Institution	Credit Rating	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Reference
8,549,658.26	0.6500%	ME Bank	A-2	8,549,658.26	539404	
8,549,658.26	0.6500%			8,549,658.26		

Term Deposits

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Rate	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Coupon Frequency	Reference
21-Oct-20	7,500,000.00	1.7000%	Suncorp Bank	A-1	7,500,000.00	17-Mar-20	7,569,164.38	539576	69,164.38	At Maturity	
18-Nov-20	5,000,000.00	1.6300%	Suncorp Bank	A-1	5,000,000.00	31-Mar-20	5,041,084.93	539605	41,084.93	At Maturity	
9-Dec-20	6,500,000.00	0.6500%	ME Bank	A-2	6,500,000.00	31-Aug-20	6,503,588.36	540163	3,588.36	At Maturity	
16-Dec-20	5,000,000.00	1.5800%	Suncorp Bank	A-1	5,000,000.00	31-Mar-20	5,039,824.66	539606	39,824.66	At Maturity	
27-Jan-21	15,000,000.00	0.7500%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	15,000,000.00	29-May-20	15,038,527.40	539858	38,527.40	At Maturity	Green
27-Jan-21	5,000,000.00	0.7300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	5,000,000.00	30-Jul-20	5,006,300.00	540071	6,300.00	At Maturity	Green
17-Feb-21	10,000,000.00	0.7000%	Suncorp Bank	A-1	10,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	10,005,945.21	540161	5,945.21	At Maturity	
24-Feb-21	10,000,000.00	0.7700%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	10,000,000.00	29-May-20	10,026,369.86	539859	26,369.86	At Maturity	Green
27-Apr-21	20,000,000.00	0.8100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	20,000,000.00	29-Apr-20	20,068,794.52	539647	68,794.52	At Maturity	Green
21-May-21	9,000,000.00	1.4100%	Westpac Group	A-1+	9,000,000.00	21-Nov-19	9,014,254.52	538748	14,254.52	Quarterly	Green
15-Jun-21	20,000,000.00	0.6700%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	20,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	20,011,380.82	540164	11,380.82	At Maturity	Green
26-Jul-21	3,000,000.00	1.5800%	Westpac Group	A-1+	3,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	3,008,051.51	538346	8,051.51	Quarterly	Green
28-Sep-21	10,000,000.00	0.7000%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	10,000,191.78	540345	191.78	At Maturity	Green
28-Jun-22	10,000,000.00	1.8700%	Westpac Group	AA-	10,000,000.00	28-Jun-19	10,001,536.99	538091	1,536.99	Quarterly	Green
25-Jul-22	4,000,000.00	1.5700%	Westpac Group	AA-	4,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	4,010,667.40	538347	10,667.40	Quarterly	Green
140,000,000.00	1.0117%				140,000,000.00		140,345,682.34		345,682.34		

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Floating Rate Notes

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Coupon Reference Date
9-Nov-20	2,000,000.00	1.3521%	ME Bank Snr FRN (Nov20) BBSW+1.25%	A-2	2,000,000.00	9-Nov-17	2,005,547.44	535918	3,852.56	9-Nov-20
29-Mar-21	5,800,000.00	1.3200%	HBS Snr FRN (Mar21) BBSW+1.23%	P-2	5,800,000.00	29-Mar-18	5,823,851.51	536454	419.51	29-Dec-20
2-Jul-21	4,000,000.00	1.4700%	TMB Snr FRN (Jul21) BBSW+1.37%	A-2	4,000,000.00	2-Jul-18	4,043,419.73	536788	14,659.73	2-Oct-20
30-Aug-21	2,000,000.00	1.3900%	BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Aug21) BBSW+1.30%	A-2	2,000,000.00	30-Aug-18	2,013,041.10	536986	2,361.10	30-Nov-20
19-Jan-22	2,500,000.00	1.1149%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	BBB+	2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	2,525,649.50	537202	5,574.50	19-Oct-20
16-Aug-22	1,000,000.00	1.0700%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	1,012,309.18	535607	1,319.18	16-Nov-20
16-Aug-22	4,000,000.00	1.0700%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	4,037,600.00	31-Oct-18	4,049,236.71	537263	5,276.71	16-Nov-20
2-Dec-22	4,000,000.00	0.9900%	BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	BBB	4,000,000.00	2-Dec-19	3,986,906.30	538824	3,146.30	2-Dec-20
25-Jan-23	1,500,000.00	1.1521%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	BBB+	1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	1,521,754.87	536141	3,124.87	26-Oct-20
6-Feb-23	1,700,000.00	1.5000%	NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	BBB	1,700,000.00	6-Feb-18	1,728,800.33	536175	3,912.33	6-Nov-20
30-Jul-24	6,000,000.00	0.8800%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	6,045,413.42	538330	9,113.42	30-Oct-20
30-Jul-24	750,000.00	0.8800%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	749,182.50	1-Oct-19	755,676.68	538563	1,139.18	30-Oct-20
24-Oct-24	2,000,000.00	1.2208%	CUA Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	BBB	2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	2,017,335.63	538603	4,615.63	26-Oct-20
24-Apr-25	3,700,000.00	1.2208%	SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	AAA	3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	3,789,901.91	539640	8,538.91	26-Oct-20
40,950,000.00		1.1793%			40,986,782.50		41,318,844.31		67,053.93	

Fixed Rate Bonds

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Purchase Yield Reference
24-Mar-22	3,444,000.00	3.2500%	NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	3,502,479.12	26-Jun-18	3,594,049.75	536771	2,164.39	3.0000%
24-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	4,066,280.00	1-Nov-18	4,174,273.81	537279	2,513.81	2.8400%
31-Mar-22	10,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	10,088,200.00	28-Mar-18	10,435,092.86	536469	892.86	3.0348%
31-Mar-22	1,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	1,111,198.00	22-May-18	1,147,860.21	536652	98.21	3.1115%
31-Mar-22	3,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	3,143,462.00	13-Jun-18	3,234,878.79	536721	276.79	3.0592%
31-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	AA-	4,083,240.00	31-Jul-18	4,174,037.14	536896	357.14	2.9908%

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Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Purchase Yield	Reference
24-Aug-26	1,300,000.00	3.2500%	SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	AAA	1,427,881.00	30-Apr-20	1,457,970.77	539692	4,362.77	1.7000%	
24-Aug-26	500,000.00	3.2500%	SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	AAA	549,310.00	5-May-20	560,757.99	539728	1,677.99	1.7000%	
15-Nov-28	5,000,000.00	3.0000%	NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	AAA	5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	5,884,201.35	537310	56,351.35	3.2350%	
32,444,000.00					32,972,050.12		34,663,122.68		68,695.32	2.9634%	

Mortgage Backed Securities

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Coupon	Security Name	Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Reference
21-Aug-51	516,520.95	0.5485%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006A)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	408,369.79	310321	318.24	
21-Aug-56	1,000,000.00	0.8485%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006B)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	680,953.11	310334	953.11	
1,516,520.95					2,000,000.00		1,089,322.90		1,271.35	

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Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
Bonds									
NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536771		3,444,000.00	26-Jun-18	24-Mar-22	55,965.00	30	9,160.01	3.24%
NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	537279		4,000,000.00	01-Nov-18	24-Mar-22	65,000.00	30	10,638.81	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536469		10,000,000.00	29-Mar-18	31-Mar-22	162,500.00	30	26,644.23	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536652		1,100,000.00	24-May-18	31-Mar-22	17,875.00	30	2,930.86	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536721		3,100,000.00	13-Jun-18	31-Mar-22	50,375.00	30	8,259.71	3.24%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536896		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-18	31-Mar-22	65,000.00	30	10,657.69	3.24%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539692		1,300,000.00	30-Apr-20	24-Aug-26		30	3,444.29	3.22%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539728		500,000.00	05-May-20	24-Aug-26		30	1,324.73	3.22%
NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	537310		5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	15-Nov-28		30	12,162.16	2.96%
Bonds Total						416,715.00		85,222.49	3.20%
Cash									
ME Bank	539404		8,549,658.26			4,714.59	30	4,565.14	.65%
Cash Total						4,714.59		4,565.14	.65%
Floating Rate Note									
ME Bank Snr FRN (Nov20) BBSW+1.25%	535918		2,000,000.00	09-Nov-17	09-Nov-20		30	2,222.63	1.35%
HBS Snr FRN (Mar21) BBSW+1.23%	536454		5,800,000.00	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-21	19,443.51	30	6,337.10	1.33%
TMB Snr FRN (Jul21) BBSW+1.37%	536788		4,000,000.00	02-Jul-18	02-Jul-21		30	4,832.88	1.47%
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Aug21) BBSW+1.30%	536986		2,000,000.00	30-Aug-18	30-Aug-21		30	2,284.94	1.39%
BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	537202		2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	19-Jan-22		30	2,290.89	1.11%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	535607		1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	16-Aug-22		30	879.45	1.07%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	537263		4,000,000.00	31-Oct-18	16-Aug-22		30	3,517.81	1.07%
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	538824		4,000,000.00	02-Dec-19	02-Dec-22	10,053.96	30	3,255.58	.99%

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Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	536141		1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	25-Jan-23		30	1,420.39	1.15%
NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	536175		1,700,000.00	06-Feb-18	06-Feb-23		30	2,095.89	1.50%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538330		6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	30-Jul-24		30	4,339.72	.88%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538563		750,000.00	01-Oct-19	30-Jul-24		30	542.47	.88%
CUA Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	538603		2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	24-Oct-24		30	2,006.80	1.22%
SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	539640		3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	24-Apr-25		30	3,712.57	1.22%
Floating Rate Note Total						29,497.47		39,739.12	1.18%
<u>Mortgage Backed Securities</u>									
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class A	310321		516,520.95	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-51		30	232.86	.55%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class B	310334		1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-56		30	697.40	.85%
Mortgage Backed Securities Total								930.26	.75%
<u>Term Deposits</u>									
Westpac Group	538559		10,000,000.00	27-Sep-19	28-Sep-20	38,893.15	27	11,539.73	1.56%
Suncorp Bank	539576		7,500,000.00	17-Mar-20	21-Oct-20		30	10,479.45	1.70%
Suncorp Bank	539605		5,000,000.00	31-Mar-20	18-Nov-20		30	6,698.63	1.63%
ME Bank	540163		6,500,000.00	31-Aug-20	09-Dec-20		30	3,472.61	.65%
Suncorp Bank	539606		5,000,000.00	31-Mar-20	16-Dec-20		30	6,493.15	1.58%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	539858		15,000,000.00	29-May-20	27-Jan-21		30	9,246.58	.75%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540071		5,000,000.00	30-Jul-20	27-Jan-21		30	3,000.00	.73%
Suncorp Bank	540161		10,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	17-Feb-21		30	5,753.43	.70%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	539859		10,000,000.00	29-May-20	24-Feb-21		30	6,328.76	.77%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	539647		20,000,000.00	29-Apr-20	27-Apr-21		30	13,315.07	.81%
Westpac Group	538748		9,000,000.00	21-Nov-19	21-May-21		30	10,430.14	1.41%

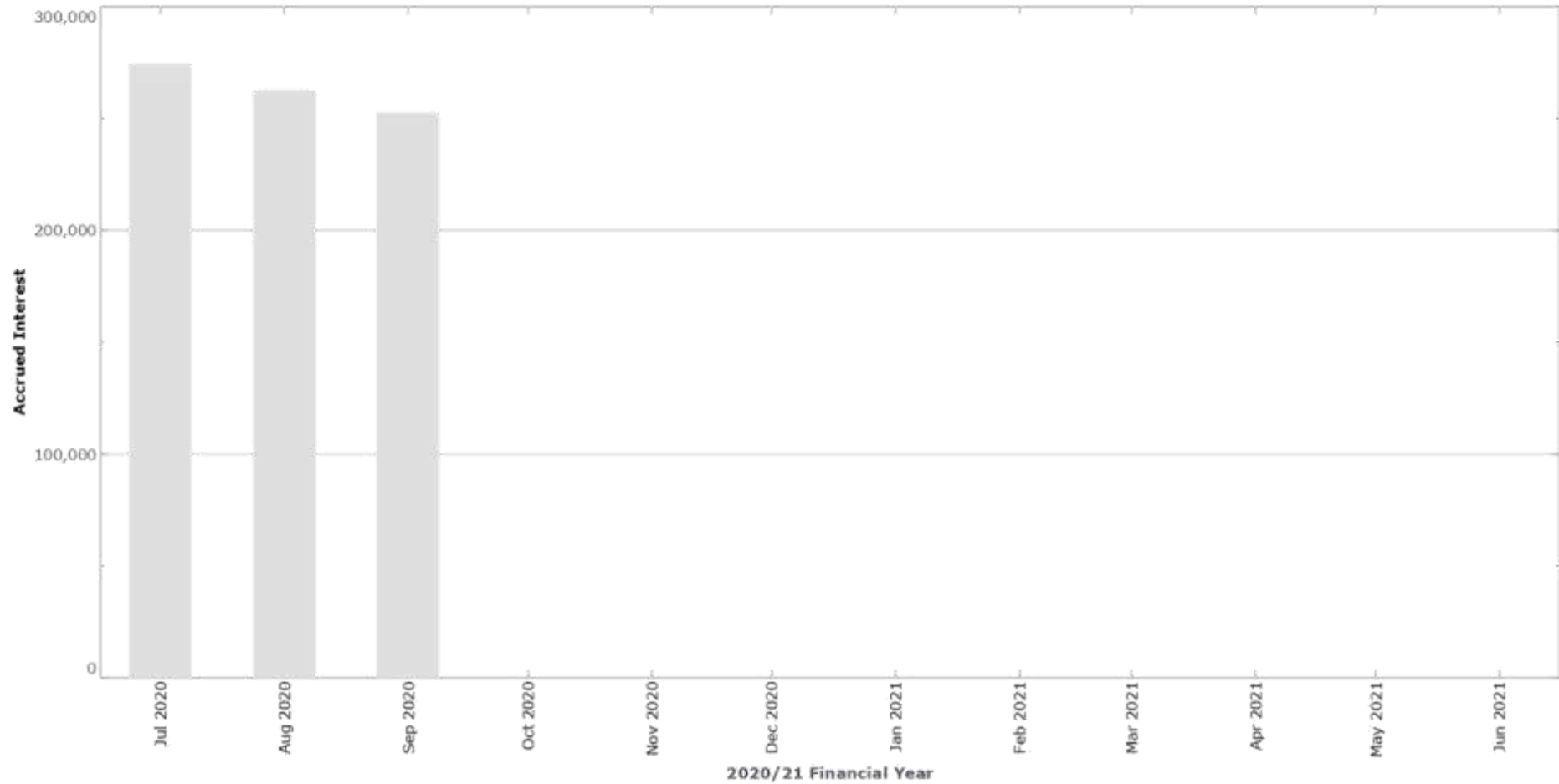
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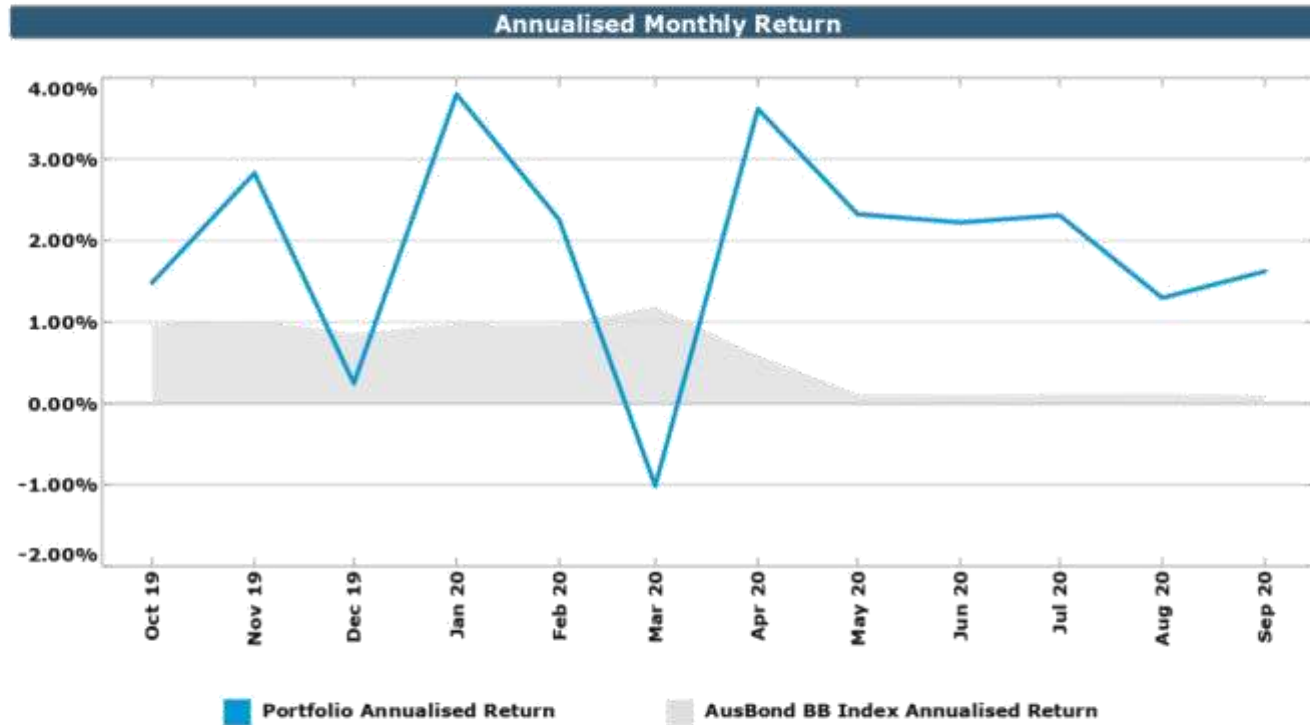
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Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540164		20,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	15-Jun-21		30	11,013.70	.67%
Westpac Group	538346		3,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	26-Jul-21		30	3,895.89	1.58%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540345		10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	28-Sep-21		1	191.78	.70%
Westpac Group	538091		10,000,000.00	28-Jun-19	28-Jun-22	46,621.92	30	15,369.87	1.87%
Westpac Group	538347		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	25-Jul-22		30	5,161.65	1.57%
Term Deposits Total						85,515.07		122,390.44	1.07%
						536,442.13		252,847.45	1.38%

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Historical Performance Summary

	Portfolio	AusBond BB Index	Outperformance
Sep 2020	1.62%	0.09%	1.53%
Last 3 Months	1.74%	0.10%	1.64%
Last 6 Months	2.23%	0.18%	2.05%
Financial Year to Date	1.74%	0.10%	1.64%
Last 12 months	1.90%	0.58%	1.32%

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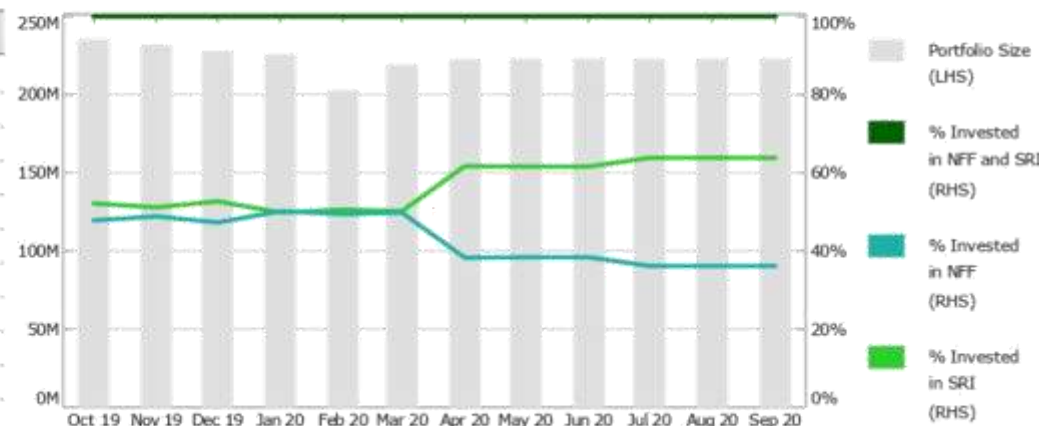


Current Breakdown

ADI Lending Status *	Current Month (\$)	Previous Month (\$)
Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs		
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	4,000,000	4,000,000
Credit Union Australia	2,000,000	2,000,000
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006A	516,521	516,521
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006B	1,000,000	1,000,000
Heritage Bank	5,800,000	5,800,000
Members Equity Bank	17,049,658	17,045,093
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	1,700,000	1,700,000
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Teachers Mutual Bank	4,000,000	4,000,000
	80,816,179	80,811,614
	36%	36%
Socially Responsible Investments		
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	6,000,000	6,000,000
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000	18,200,000
CBA (Green TD)	80,000,000	70,000,000
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000	7,444,000
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Westpac Group (Green TD)	26,000,000	36,000,000
	142,644,000	142,644,000
	64%	64%
	223,460,179	223,455,614

* source: <http://www.marketforces.org.au>
Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Historical Portfolio Exposure to NFF Lending ADIs and SRIs



Socially Responsible Investments Glossary

Investment	Use of Funds
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	Reduced Inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, life on land **
CBA (Climate)	Wind farms, low carbon transport, low carbon commercial buildings ***
CBA (Green TD)	Wind farms, low carbon transport, low carbon commercial buildings ***
National Australia Bank (Social)	Employers of Choice for Gender Equality ****
NSW T-Corp (Green)	Low carbon transport, water infrastructure ***
Westpac Group (Green TD)	Wind farms, low carbon commercial buildings ***

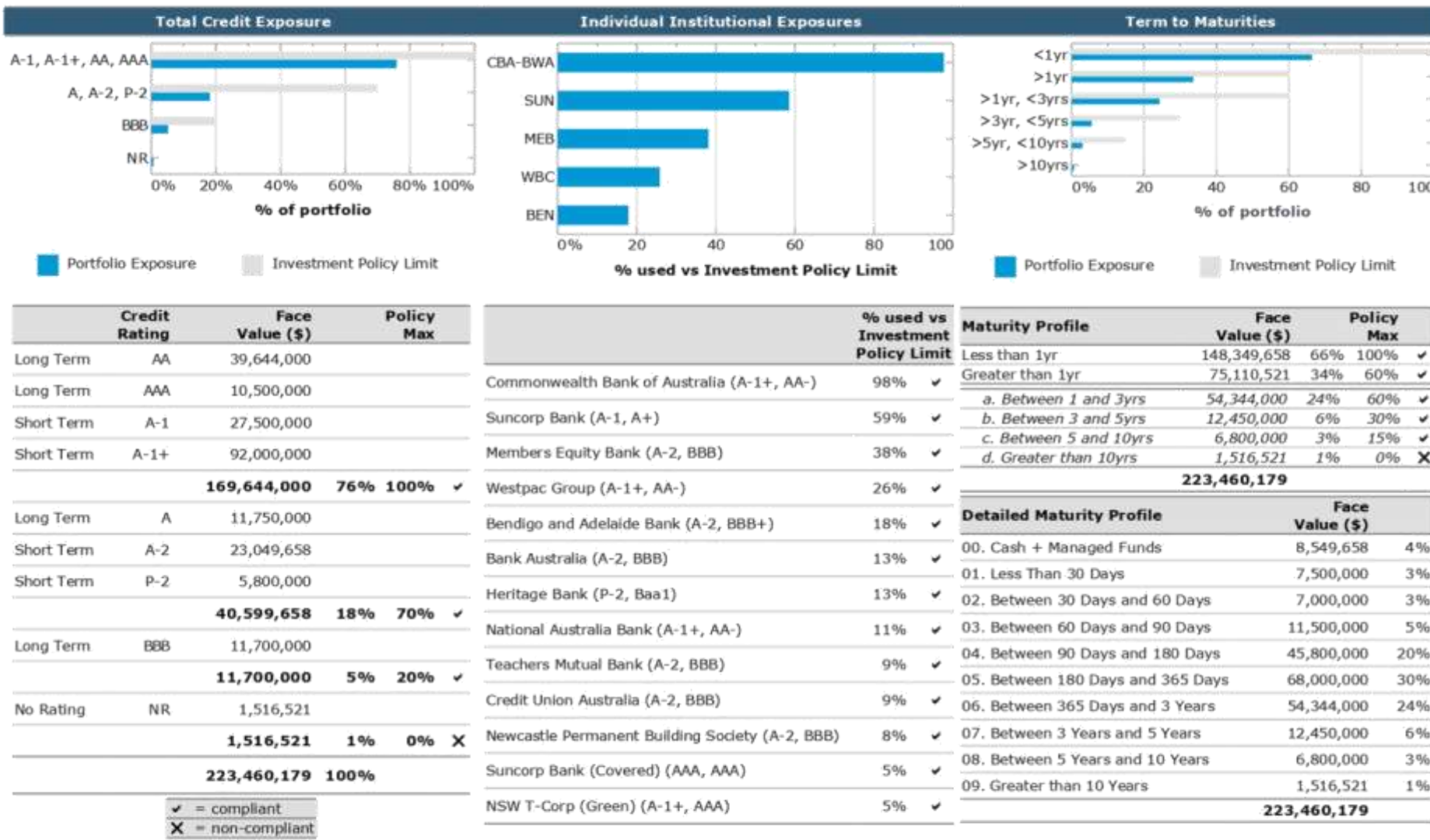
** United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

*** Climate Bonds Standard

**** Cited by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency as Employers of Choice for Gender Equality

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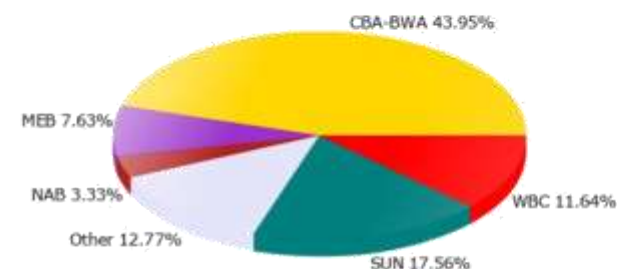
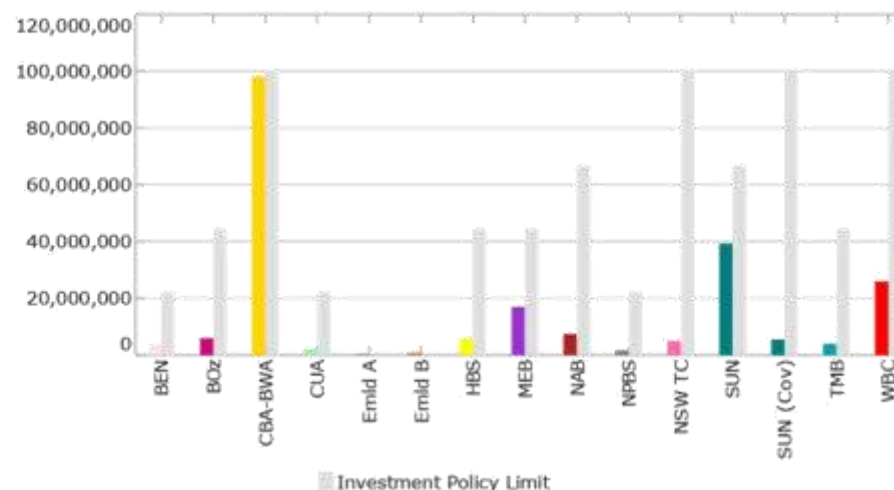
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Individual Institutional Exposures

Parent Group	Credit Rating	Portfolio Exposure (\$)	Investment Policy Limit (\$)
Bank Australia	A-2, BBB	6,000,000	44,692,036
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	A-2, BBB+	4,000,000	22,346,018
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+, AA-	98,200,000	100,557,081
Credit Union Australia	A-2, BBB	2,000,000	22,346,018
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006A	NR	516,521	0
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006B	NR	1,000,000	0
Heritage Bank	P-2, Baa1	5,800,000	44,692,036
Members Equity Bank	A-2, BBB	17,049,658	44,692,036
National Australia Bank	A-1+, AA-	7,444,000	67,038,054
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	A-2, BBB	1,700,000	22,346,018
NSW T-Corp (Green)	A-1+, AAA	5,000,000	100,557,081
Suncorp Bank	A-1, A+	39,250,000	67,038,054
Suncorp Bank (Covered)	AAA, AAA	5,500,000	100,557,081
Teachers Mutual Bank	A-2, BBB	4,000,000	44,692,036
Westpac Group	A-1+, AA-	26,000,000	100,557,081
		223,460,179	

Individual Institutional Exposure Charts



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Current Month Cashflows

Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Received
2-Sep-20	538824	Bank Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	10,053.96
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>10,053.96</u>
				Day Total	10,053.96
24-Sep-20	536771	National Australia Bank	Bonds	Coupon - Received	55,965.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>55,965.00</u>
	537279	National Australia Bank	Bonds	Coupon - Received	65,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
				Day Total	120,965.00
28-Sep-20	538091	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	46,621.92
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>46,621.92</u>
	538559	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Maturity Face Value - Received	10,000,000.00
		Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	38,893.15
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>10,038,893.15</u>
				Day Total	10,085,515.07
29-Sep-20	536454	Heritage Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	19,443.51
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>19,443.51</u>
				Day Total	19,443.51
30-Sep-20	536469	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	162,500.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>162,500.00</u>
	536652	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	17,875.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>17,875.00</u>
	536721	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	50,375.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>50,375.00</u>
	536896	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Bonds	Coupon - Received	65,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
	540345	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-10,000,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-10,000,000.00</u>

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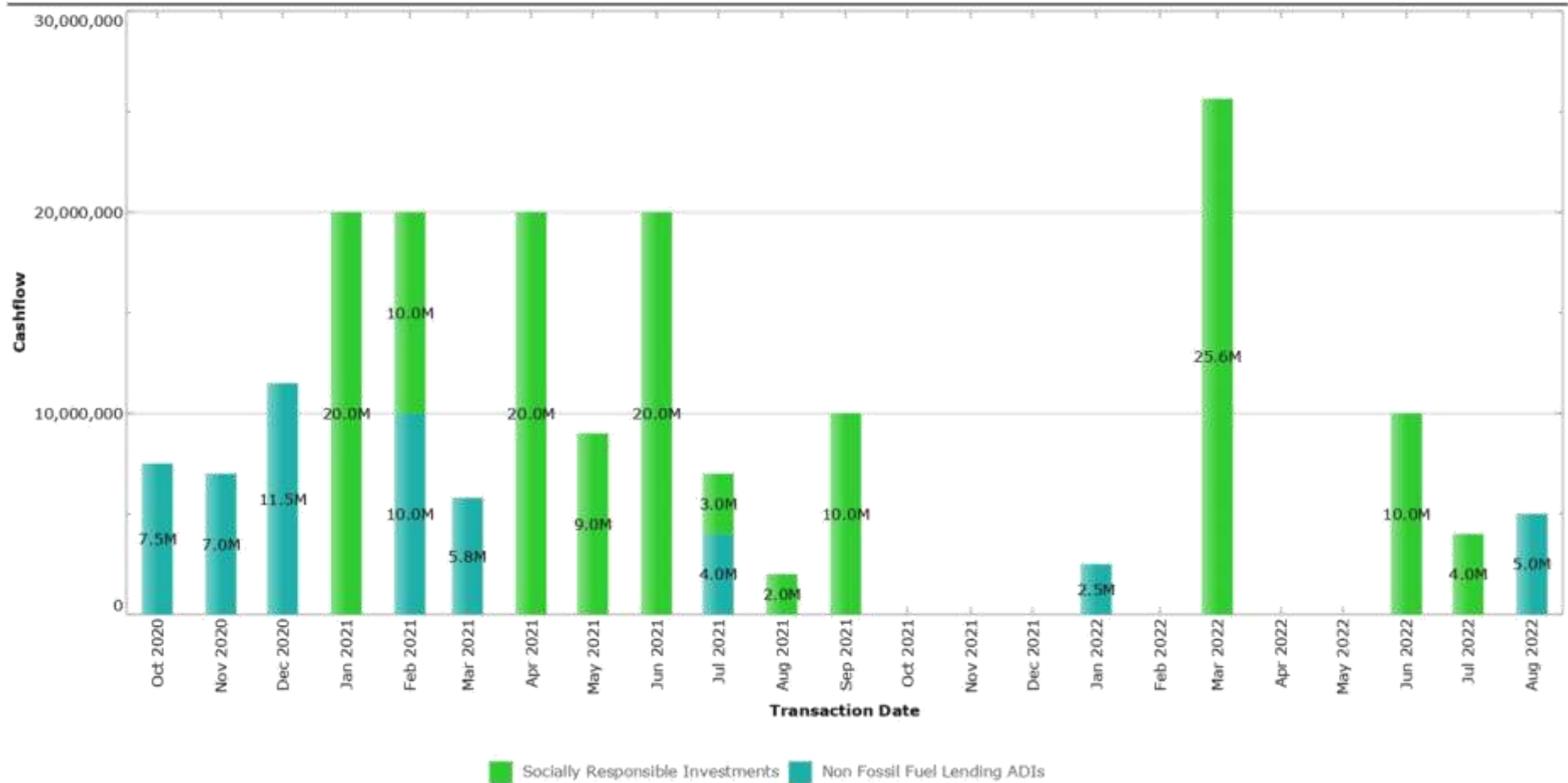
Current Month Cashflows

Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Received
				Day Total	-9,704,250.00
				Net Cash Movement for Period	531,727.54

Next Month Cashflows

Transaction Date	Deal No.	Cashflow Counterparty	Asset Type	Cashflow Description	Cashflow Due
2-Oct-20	536788	Teachers Mutual Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	14,820.82
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>14,820.82</u>
				Day Total	14,820.82
19-Oct-20	537202	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	6,949.03
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>6,949.03</u>
				Day Total	6,949.03
21-Oct-20	539576	Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Maturity Face Value - Received	7,500,000.00
		Suncorp Bank	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	76,150.68
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>7,576,150.68</u>
				Day Total	7,576,150.68
26-Oct-20	536141	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	4,308.54
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>4,308.54</u>
	538603	Credit Union Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	6,287.96
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>6,287.96</u>
	539640	Suncorp Bank (Covered)	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	11,632.72
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>11,632.72</u>
				Day Total	22,229.21
30-Oct-20	538330	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	13,308.49
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>13,308.49</u>
	538346	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	11,817.53
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>11,817.53</u>
	538347	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	15,656.99
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>15,656.99</u>
	538563	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	1,663.56
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>1,663.56</u>
				Day Total	42,446.58
				Net Cash Movement for Period	7,662,596.33

Inner West Council Cash Flows Report - September 2020



Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary September 2020

Investment Portfolio Commentary

Council's investment portfolio posted a return of 1.62%pa for the month of September versus the bank bill index benchmark return of 0.09%pa. Council's fixed rate bonds continued to increase in value as markets factored in more monetary policy action from the RBA. For the past 12 months, the investment portfolio returned 1.90%pa, exceeding the bank bill index benchmark's 0.58%pa by 1.32%pa.

Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 1.38%pa for the month. This is based on the actual interest rates being received on existing investments and excludes the underlying changes to the market value of the securities/deposits.

During September, Council's investment portfolio had a \$10m 12 month Westpac "Green" deposit mature with a rate of 1.56%pa. Council made a new \$10m deposit in a 12 month CBA "Green" deposit paying a competitive 0.70%pa, indicative of the sharp drop in interest rates over the past year.

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested in non fossil fuel lending ADIs (36% of portfolio) and socially responsible investments (64% of portfolio).

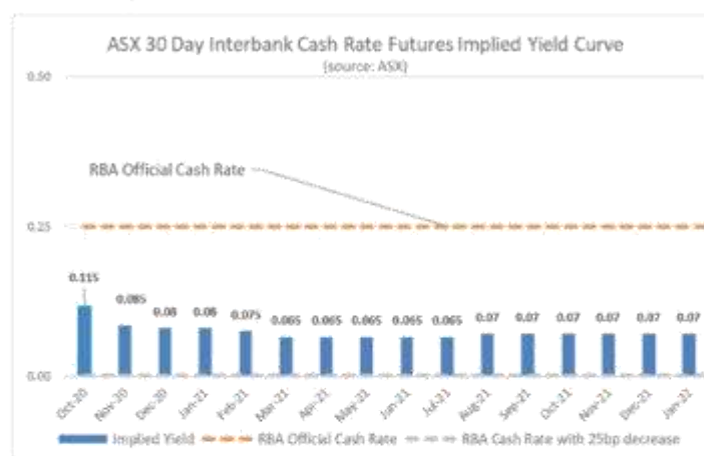
Over the past several months, Council has proactively reduced its exposure to banks with long term credit ratings in the BBB+ and BBB categories in order to comply with NSW TCorp loan covenant requirements. This goal has now been achieved on schedule and Council's portfolio is now in full compliance with the NSW TCorp requirements while continuing to be well-diversified among a range of term deposits, fixed and floating rate notes from highly rated Australian ADIs and NSW TCorp.

Domestic issues:

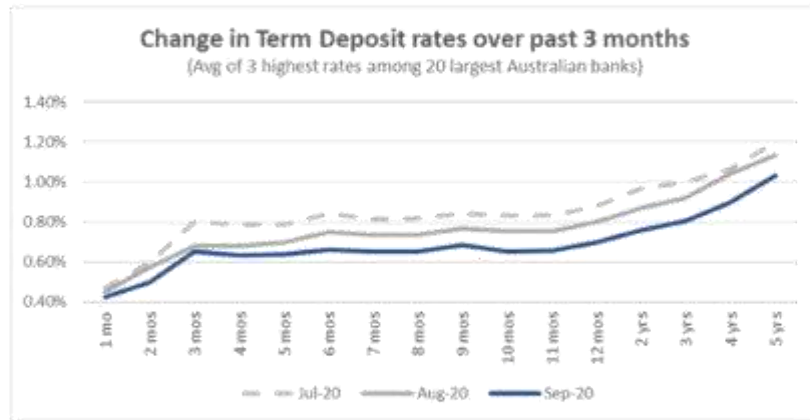
- In Australia, latest employment data surprised the market on the upside with an increase of 111,000 new jobs last month, albeit the majority being part-time roles. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% from 7.5%.
- Consumer sentiment indicators have risen through the month but are still at levels last seen at the peak of the global financial crisis. The latest monthly survey of economists shows an anticipated contraction of GDP in 2020 of 3.9%, while consensus expectations for growth next year have been trimmed to 2.7%.
- Income support programmes from the Government has helped household incomes to rise during the pandemic. The RBA posits that since a significant component of these incentives were put into savings, Australian households will be in a favourable position to support a recovery when it unfolds.
- The Australian share market (ASX200) ended the month slightly lower and the AUD/USD closed out September at 0.71c down from 0.74c at August month end.

Interest rates

- Following the release of the RBA's September meeting minutes and speeches from RBA officials during the month, many economists are predicting the central bank will cut the official cash rate target from 0.25% to 0.10% before the end of 2020.
- RBA stimulus measures continue to keep cash rate futures below the official 0.25%pa level and term deposit rates are still reflecting banks' ample liquidity and access to cheap RBA sourced funding.



- Average term deposit rates continued to drop across all maturities again over the month. The average of the best term deposit rates among large banks was 8 basis points lower versus August month end. Notably, rates on long dated TDs (>12 months) fell sharper than shorter dated rates this month, falling at least 10 basis points across the 1 to 5 year range:



Global issues:

- In the US, industrial production and retail sales recorded another month of increases. Economists are now predicting GDP to increase by 8% in the September quarter, nearly recouping the 9% fall in the June quarter, despite little sustained reprieve in new virus cases.
- In Europe, stimulus packages supporting household consumption and wage subsidies are being wound up leading to concerns of large scale joblessness in the coming months just as several countries are experiencing spikes in new cases.
- In Asia, China's strategy to revive its economy from the pandemic-induced slowdown has been focused on fiscal stimulus to manufacturing industries. While this has been effective for production, the lack of income support to consumers has left the nation's growth in retail spending lagging.

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Item No: C1020(2) Item 9
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION:- INNER WEST COUNCIL MONITORING OF COUNCILLORS, STAFF AND RESIDENTS
From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council report back on its monitoring of Councillor, staff and resident correspondence (by phone, email and normal mail); who authorises this monitoring, for what purpose and to what extent this monitoring occurs.

Background

Concern has been expressed about Inner West Council monitoring of Councillor, staff and resident correspondence (by phone, email and normal mail).

It is not clear who authorises this monitoring, for what purpose and to what extent this occurs. Nor is it known how any information gained through monitoring is used by Inner West Council and by who.

It appears that the systems, processes and practices used to do this monitoring are quite developed. It would be of value to know what these systems, processes and practices are.

These concerns were not evident in regard to the previous three 'local' Councils and it is important that the big merged Council can explain to its community why monitoring needs to do this.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 10
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION:WHITES CREEK WETLANDS: UPDATE ON CURRENT WORKS
From: Councillor John Stamolis

Item 10

MOTION:

THAT Council to provide an update of current works at the Whites Creek wetlands.

Background

White Creek wetlands has recently been drained and works are commencing there. Could Councillors be provided with a summary of these works.



Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 11
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PARKING ON THE PRINCES HIGHWAY
From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council resolves to write to the Minister and TFNSW to alert them of the serious impact the lack of action on this simple matter is having on the viability of these businesses in a time when they need to be supported.

Background

As you know, the southbound section of the Princes Hwy at St Peters has been undergoing significant change in land use and a shift from industrial to primarily commercial and residential zones.

This represents a rapidly expanding new commercial precinct.
For this commercial precinct to continue to flourish, parking is a prerequisite.
Currently, there is a legacy clearway on the southbound section of the highway with unrestricted parking for all hours of the day and night apart from 3pm-7pm. This has seen construction vehicles associated with WestConnex and other private projects, to be parked all day, occupying 100% of the parking spaces.

This has whittled down our client base over the years as many clients prefer just to drive to the next commercial precinct where metered parking is available.

The northbound section of the highway across the road has only 3-4 commercial properties, yet enjoys metered parking which is more suitable for the region.

Restricted, metered parking in our community's view is correct and proper, and would represent a 'win-win' for all stakeholders - the RMS, Council and our neighbourhood.
I thank you for taking the time to consider my community's future.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment..

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 12
Subject: QUESTION ON NOTICE: INNER WEST COUNCIL: SOLAR PANEL OUTPUT
From: Councillor John Stamolis

Background

Inner West Council's Climate and Renewables Strategy is focused on rapidly increasing solar and renewable energy generation. Part of this strategy is to implement solar capacity on Council's assets.

Council's website currently identifies 38 locations where it has installed solar panels. The old Leichhardt Council has 50% of these locations. Council's solar capacity from those 38 locations is 407.4 kwh. The old Leichhardt Council accounts for almost half of this solar capacity (47.5%).

Based on those 20 locations for which output data were provided by Council in 2019, the old Leichhardt Council provided 63.3% of solar output.

2019	Locations	%	Capacity	%	Output	%
Ashfield	4	10.5%	30.2	7.4%		0.0%
Leichhardt	19	50.0%	193.3	47.5%	145,835	63.3%
Marrickville	15	39.5%	183.9	45.1%	84,700	36.7%
Total	38	100.0%	407.4	100.0%	230,535	100.0%

Note: Review and validation of the data provided in this item and/or any other improvement of Council's solar data would be a core requirement of this question on notice. As stated above the output data in this item relate to 20 installations (in 2019) for which data are available.

Response

In FY 2015/16, Inner West Council had a total installed solar capacity of 273.6kW. By end 2020 calendar year, the total installed capacity will have increased to 615kW.

Please note, staff are not aware of the data sources for the Questions on Notice. On review, staff understand the SMA brand website may be the source of some data used for the below questions. The SMA website displays data from solar systems across Australia with SMA components. Some of Council's existing solar PV systems use SMA brand inverters with an attached SMA solar monitoring device (mostly former Leichhardt sites). Not all Inner West Council solar PV systems use the SMA brand. Further, the SMA website does not reflect changes to Council's monitoring systems which now enable monitoring of solar systems regardless of inverter brand. Council staff will ask SMA to remove sites that no longer have current data from the SMA website.

Question

1. Council currently provides solar output data for 62% (249.3 kwh) of its solar capacity but appears to have no data for 38% (151.2 kwh) of capacity. Would it be possible to provide solar output data for those locations where there is no data on the website (for any years applicable)?

	Capacity	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre	29.90					
Ashfield Aquatic Centre						
Chrissie Cotter Gallery	1.50					
Deborah Little Early Learning Centre	2.00					
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre	22.00					
Former Dulwich Hill Library	2.00					
Haberfield library	10.00					
Leichhardt Depot	7.42					
Leichhardt Park Children's Centre	4.00					
May Murray Early Learning Centre	5.00					
Mervyn Fletcher Hall	4.50					
Pioneer Park Rotunda	3.60					
Seaview Street Hall	7.00					
St Peters Depot	30.00					
Steel Park Early Learning Centre	5.00					
Summer Hill Depot	15.70					
Tillman Park Early Learning Centre	8.50					

Answer

Electronic monitoring was upgraded in FY19/2020 with most systems now monitored using Wattwatchers units. Some systems are too small to warrant the cost of Wattwatchers monitoring, and in these cases inverter data is read manually. Some solar PV systems listed above were installed in FY19/2020 and therefore do not have historical data.

The monitoring data in Question 1 may be based on the SMA website which, as mentioned above, does not cover all of Council's systems. Data can be provided to Councillors on request at the conclusion of FY20/2021 when 1 year of Wattwatchers data is available.

Question

2. What caused the significant falls in output in 2019 for the installations below?

Council Facility	Capacity	2016	2017	2018	2019	% fall 2019
Rozelle Bay Nursery	1.70	1,350	1,175	1,100	0	-100%
Annandale Community Centre	2.42	1,775	1,750	1,745	225	-87%
Leichhardt Administration Building	4.97	4,100	6,400	5,000	1,600	-68%
Balmain Depot	13.00	16,000	15,100	14,400	7,000	-51%
Leichhardt Oval #1	9.88	1,475	1,450	1,425	725	-49%

Answer

The source of the data presented in Question 2 appears to be the SMA website, and is incomplete data.

An update to Council's IT system in 2019 meant that a number of SMA inverters no longer communicated with the SMA website. In most cases above, the fall in generation shows the comms systems going offline, rather than an actual drop in system generation. The change to the IT system was one of the reasons for the upgrade to Wattwatchers monitoring.

The Leichhardt Administration Building system is older and was found to have some faults during a condition assessment and has been taken offline due to safety issues associated with older panels. The system has been rendered safe and upgrades are being assessed for feasibility. The other systems tabulated above are performing normally based on Council's own monitoring.

Question

3. What are the reasons for the differences in average output per unit capacity across installations? Note: the data below relate to those solar installations which have 3 full years of data to 2019.

Council Facility	Capacity	2017	2018	2019	Avg output per Unit capacity
Petersham Administration Building	20.00	28,500	28,600	28,600	1,428
John McMahon Child Care Centre	1.85	2,500	2,400	2,600	1,351
Balmain Town Hall and Library	13.00	17,550	17,250	16,900	1,326
Tom Foster Community Centre	25.75	32,500	33,000	32,500	1,269
Cavendish Early Learning Centre	5.00	6,000	6,000	6,000	1,200
Leichhardt Town Hall	20.09	24,750	22,000	21,000	1,124
Leichhardt Park Playground	1.04	900	1,190	1,220	1,061
Hannaford Centre	3.15	2,700	2,900	3,650	979
LPAC Aquatic Centre Gym	35.51	31,000	36,000	36,000	967
Leichhardt Children's Centre	3.25	3,075	2,900	2,600	879
Foster Street Family Day Care	1.21	1,000	1,050	990	837
Blackmore Oval	10.35	2,750	6,950	5,450	488
Jimmy Little Community Centre	27.00	1,790	2,800	2,875	92
Total	167.20	155,015	163,040	160,385	954

Answer

The source of the information in Question 3 appears to be the SMA website (not Council's). As noted previously, the SMA website is not a complete data set for Council's solar arrays.

The actual system size for Jimmy Little Community Centre is 2.7kW, resulting in an average output per unit capacity of 921 (not 92).

Differences in average output per unit capacity across installations are normal and expected. Solar output varies at different locations due to factors such as:

- **Differing roof configurations, especially the aspect** on different buildings and the direction of solar panels

- **Shading of panels** by nearby buildings and trees at various times of the day
- **Different installation dates** as solar panels have improved in efficiency
- **Variations in weather** at different times and locations
- **Gradual reduction in output** as the system ages

Question

4. The data show that some larger solar facilities do not produce as much output as smaller facilities. What are the reasons for this?

Council Facility	Capacity	Rank capacity	2019	Rank output
LPAC Aquatic Centre Gym	35.51	1	36,000	2
LPAC Program Pool Building	29.90	2	43,000	1
Jimmy Little Community Centre	27.00	3	2,875	12
Tom Foster Community Centre	25.75	4	32,500	3
Leichhardt Town Hall	20.09	5	21,000	5
Petersham Administration Building	20.00	6	28,600	4
Petersham Town Hall	15.00	7	13,500	7
Balmain Town Hall and Library	13.00	8	16,900	6
Blackmore Oval	10.35	9	5,450	9
Yirran Gumal Early Learning Centre	5.22	10	4,100	10
Cavendish Early Learning Centre	5.00	11	6,000	8
Leichhardt Children's Centre	3.25	12	2,600	13
Hannaford Centre	3.15	13	3,650	11
John McMahon Child Care Centre	1.85	14	2,600	13
Foster Street Family Day Care	1.21	15	990	16
Leichhardt Park Playground	1.04	16	1,220	15

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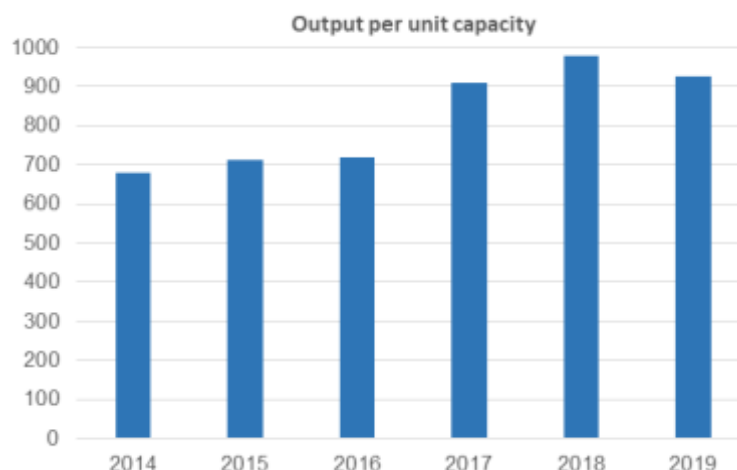
As noted previously, the SMA website does not have complete data source for all of Council's solar arrays.

The table above shows fairly consistent rankings for capacity versus output, within the usual range expected for local shading, roof orientation etc.

The exception is the Jimmy Little Community Centre. This is due to a typographic error in the table above. The capacity listed is 27kW, whereas the correct capacity is 2.7kW as per Council's website. This would give the Jimmy Little array a capacity ranking of 13 in the list above.

Question

5. The chart shows that output per unit capacity from Council's solar installations fell by 5.5% in 2019. Could Council investigate this and provide reasons?



Answer

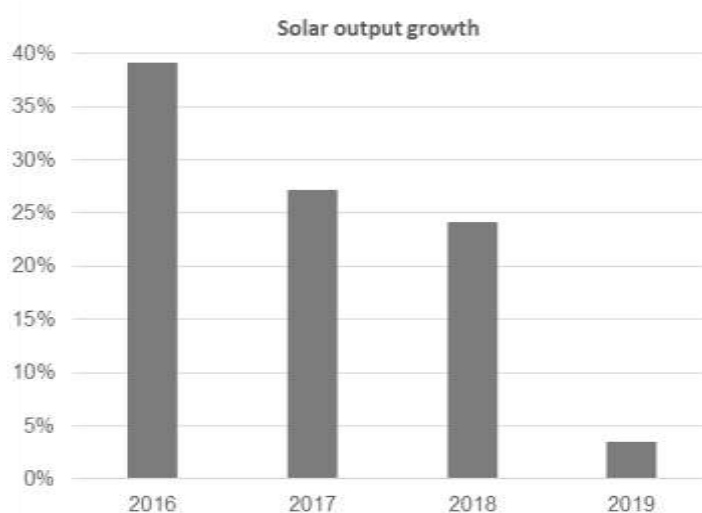
The source of the information in Question 5 appears to be the SMA website (not Council). The 2019 data is particularly inaccurate as most of Council's SMA inverters stopped communicating with the SMA website partway through the year due to the change in Council's IT systems and have since been replaced with Wattwatchers monitoring.

The solar PV systems themselves are still generating and performing as expected.

Council's preliminary data for FY2020/21 indicates that most systems have improved performance, likely due to the cleaning and maintenance undertaken in 2019.

Question

6. Total output from Council's solar installations increased by 3.5% in 2019 and 24.4% in 2018. It appears that Council's growth in solar output from its own assets is subdued?



Answer

In FY 2015/16, Inner West Council had a total installed solar capacity of 273.6kW. By end 2020 the total installed capacity will be 615kW.

The source of the information in Question 6 appears to be the SMA website (not Council). As noted previously, this is not an accurate or complete data source for all of Council's solar arrays. The 2019 data is particularly inaccurate as most of Council's SMA inverters stopped communicating with the SMA website partway through the year due to the change in Council's IT systems.

Question

7. What other solar installations (and capacity) are proposed for IWC assets in the next year or two?

Answer

Proposed solar projects were presented in the *Pathway to a Carbon Neutral Council* which was endorsed by Council in December 2018. Decisions on whether to install solar at some sites are pending the outcomes of the Long-term Accommodation Strategy.

Council has completed the following solar projects:

- Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre - 22kW new install
- Seaview Street Hall – 7kW new install
- Mervyn Fletcher Hall – 5kW new install
- May Murray Early Learning Centre – 5kW new install
- Tillman Park Early Learning Centre - 8.58kW install (replaced 20-year-old 4.8kW system)
- Removal of 20-year-old Leichhardt Service Centre system to address electrical safety risk

The major solar project in 2020/21 is Ashfield Aquatic Centre solar system. Capital works are undertaking building assessments for remaining shortlisted projects and incorporating projects into the 3-year capital works program.

Question

8. Could Council produce a summary (annual) table along the lines of that in 4. above for all installations and place this on the website? The data should go back 5 or 6 years.

Answer

Data can be provided to Councillors on request at the conclusion of FY20/2021 when 1 year of Wattwatchers data is available.

Note that many systems were installed recently and will not have 5 or 6 years of historical data.

The Council website will continue to be updated with promotional information about Council's solar initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1020(2) Item 13

Subject: BALMAIN LEAGUES SITE - VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT

Prepared By: Bojan Sodic - Strategic Investments Manager

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement for Balmain Leagues Site 138-152 Victoria Road, Rozelle be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and be reported back to Council after public exhibition.

DISCUSSION

On 9 September 2020, Council staff issued formal correspondence to the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) requesting the panel defer consideration of the Balmain Leagues Club DA pending more detailed traffic studies as resolved at the Council meeting on 8 September 2020.

The SECPP considered the DA on the 10 September 2020 and issued a deferred commencement consent subject to conditions. The deferred commencement conditions addressed numerous items including the status of the existing voluntary planning agreement (VPA) dated 26 June 2008 and the draft VPA dated 31 March 2020 currently being considered by Council

The following has been approved:

“Development Application - Mixed use development on the abovementioned properties generally known as the "Balmain Leagues Club" site, comprising: Demolition of existing buildings; bulk excavation and remediation of the site; 2 basement levels comprising a total of 275 spaces with Basement 1 accessible via Victoria Road and Basement 2 accessible via Waterloo Street; 3 public laneway connections to Victoria Road, Waterloo Street and Darling Street; public town square towards centre of development; three buildings along Victoria Road between 11-12 storeys in height with residential accommodation to the upper levels and retail, commercial, food & beverage, a supermarket and Balmain Leagues Club to the lower levels; reinstate existing facade to 697 Darling Street with specialty retail behind; and two-3 storey built forms on Waterloo Street accommodating additional food & beverage and retail, live/work spaces and affordable housing. Residential accommodation for 173 units.”

The applicant has provided legal advice to Council and is seeking to progress the VPA. Details of the offer to Council and the VPA Agreement are shown in the Confidential Attachments, together with this legal advice.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Balmain Leagues Club Site - VPA - *Confidential*
2. Legal Advice on Balmain Leagues VPA process - *Confidential*

Item No: C1020(2) Item 14
Subject: TEMPE RESERVE SYNTHETIC TURF TENDER REPORT
Prepared By: Tim Brown - Coordinator Parks Project Delivery
Authorised By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the recommendation contained in the Confidential Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

On the 31st August 2020 Inner West Council invited tenders for the Tempe Reserve Synthetic Turf, Tender No 06-20. Tenders closed on 23rd September 2020

The project scope includes:

- New synthetic multi-purpose sports field
- Upgrade of existing 5 natural turf sports fields
- Water harvesting to amenities block
- Upgrade to existing irrigation system including new water tanks
- Upgrade of existing sports field lighting
- Landscaping including advanced tree planting

Tenders were evaluated in accordance with Council's Purchasing Policy and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993 and General Regulations 2005.

A Summary of the Tender Evaluation Committee's report is attached as Confidential Attachment 1.

Pending Council approval, the works are expected to commence in November 2020 with completion by July 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Project to be funded by the Capital Works Program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Tempe Reserve Synthetic Turf Tender Evaluation - *Confidential*