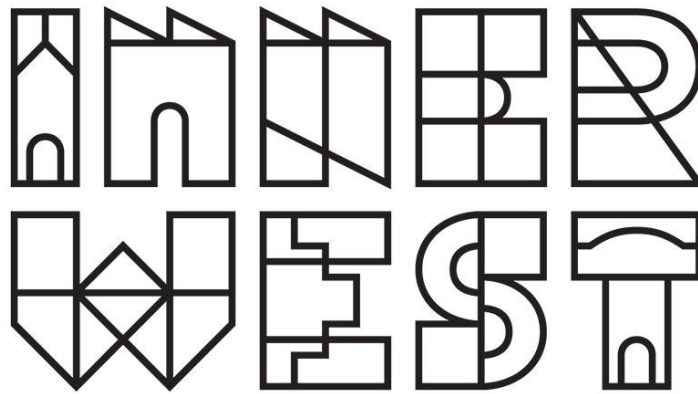


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

Distributed on 9 June 2020



COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020

6.30pm

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MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C0620(2) Item 10
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: COUNCIL STAFF'S BUSHFIRE RESPONSE
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Expresses its thanks and gratitude to Council officers Cameron Gray, Conor Wilson, Asher Richardson and Ellen Shannon who temporarily joined Eurobodalla Shire Council's team of development assessors to help process existing applications and fast track new ones from bushfire-affected residents; and
2. Receive a report on establishing a "Sister City" assistance program with Eurobodalla Shire Council, which is to be tabled at the 23 June Council meeting.

Background

Four Council officers received a big thank you from *The Beagle*, an Eurobodalla news website, when journalists were told the officers were heading back to Inner West Council after their secondment at the South Coast Council. The article is included below.

Willing workers bolster recovery

Eurobodalla Shire Council has said goodbye to a group of good Samaritans, who have been speeding up processing of development applications from bushfire-affected residents.

After the fires, four employees from Inner West Council – Cameron Gray, Conor Wilson, Asher Richardson and Ellen Shannon - temporarily joined Eurobodalla's team of seven development assessors to help process existing applications and fast track new ones.

The extra hands, paid for by their own council, were joined by Bob Steedman from Canterbury Bankstown Council in March, and helped process 83 DAs in that month alone.

Manager of development services Gary Bruce said the generous contribution from both Sydney councils had made all the difference.

"I had staff directly affected by the fires too, so having this team arrive was like having the cavalry turn up," Mr Bruce said. "It not only helped the community by getting through the assessment work quickly, the generosity also provided a big morale boost for my team.

Mr Bruce said there were also some unexpected benefits for the teams themselves.

"The planners from Sydney are used to dealing with urban issues, so they did a crash course on bushfire assessment before they came down," he said.

“Since being here, they have gained a better understanding of ecological issues and bushfire-related matters facing our shire. Our team has learnt a lot from them about issues in urban areas.

“It’s just a shame it’s taken a disaster to have this sort of exchange of information and ideas.”

Mr Bruce said a steady stream of development applications and enquiries were coming in now for bushfire rebuilds.

“We’ve set up an internal team to fast track these enquiries and applications,” he said.

“53 bushfire rebuild applications have been lodged to date, with 27 approved already in an average turnaround time of 15 days. Approvals include 14 outbuildings, seven houses, three commercial buildings, and three alterations.

“In some cases Council has been able to facilitate a rebuild without the need for a DA, and simply issue a construction certificate. So far 23 have been issued by Council or private certifiers, indicating strong intent to commence rebuilding.”

Mr Bruce said enquiries are still going strong, with 95 development applications lodged last month – 25 more than the April five-year average.

For those rebuilding after the fires, the NSW Government has waived a number of fees associated with DAs, and Council is providing bushfire attack level certificates free of charge.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0620(2) Item 11
 Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: LEICHHARDT OVAL AND HENSON PARK UPGRADES
 From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

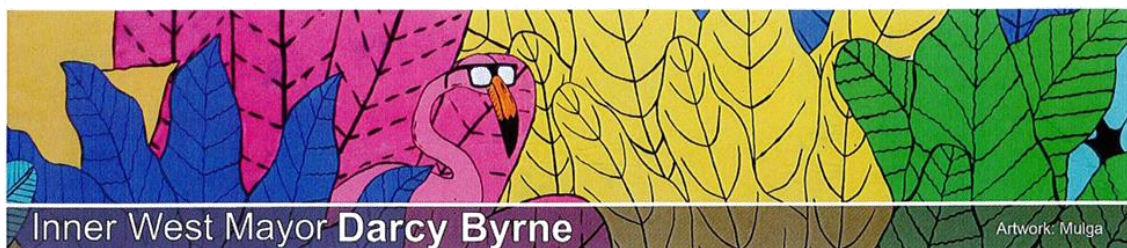
MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Notes the correspondence the Mayor received from Peter V'landys, Chair of the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC), in response to his letter dated 2 March (Attachment 1);
 2. Notes the Schedule of Works for Leichhardt Oval (Attachment 2);
 3. Consults with Wests Tigers, Sydney FC and relevant sporting organisations on the adopted Schedule of Works and seeks their priorities for the upgrade of Leichhardt Oval; and
 4. Submits the Schedule of Works for Leichhardt Oval and the sporting codes priorities to the ARLC and seeks its advocacy for State and Federal funding for Leichhardt Oval.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Letter from the Mayor to Peter V'Landys and Letter from Peter V'Landys to the Mayor
2. [↓](#) Schedule of Leichhardt Oval Upgrades



Monday, 2 March 2020

Chairman Peter V'Landys
Australian Rugby League Commission
Rugby League Central
Driver Avenue, Moore Park NSW 2021

Dear Mr V'Landys,

I note with enthusiasm your recommitment to suburban rugby league grounds as reported in Michael Chammas's column in today's *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Inner West Council has been seeking joint investment from the State and Federal Governments for the upgrade of Leichhardt Oval for several years.

While the State and Commonwealth have so far failed to make any contribution, Council has continued to invest in the ground, pouring several million dollars into improving the ground.

This investment has resulted in an array of new content at the ground, including elite and international rugby league, rugby union and soccer in both men's and women's codes.

While it is already a superb sporting destination, there is a lot more that needs to be done to secure the future of the ground as a home of Wests Tigers and suburban rugby league.

Until now the missing ingredient in attracting State and Federal funding has been a lack of advocacy for suburban grounds from the Australian Rugby League Commission and NRL. That is why I am so heartened by your principled advocacy on this issue.

It is as an absolute priority for Leichhardt Oval to be included in the list of grounds that will receive funding under your proposed suburban stadium strategy.

I would like to meet with you, at your earliest convenience, to discuss how we can collaborate in securing investment for Leichhardt Oval and other suburban grounds.

Yours sincerely,

Darcy Byrne
Inner West Mayor



19 May 2020

Mr Darcy Byrne
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter and advocacy for rugby league.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding, as I am sure you would appreciate I have been distracted by the COVID 19 crisis and the challenge of getting the NRL competition recommenced.

As you know I am a strong supporter of suburban grounds and believe they are essential part of the fabric of rugby league. Despite the best efforts of local Councils, unfortunately many of the great suburban grounds no longer meet community expectations after decades of underinvestment by State and Federal governments.

The NSW Government has done a terrific job investing in our major stadia network. BankWest Stadium is the envy of the country and the new Sydney Football Stadium and redevelopment of Stadium Australia will deliver major benefits for all sports fans and event goers.

In addition to the current Sydney Stadia Strategy, I want to work with the NSW Government and local Councils to explore innovative ways to upgrade suburban grounds so that our loyal members and fans can enjoy their family footy experience. We need to focus on getting the basics right, like adequate numbers of working bathrooms, improved food and beverage offerings and better seating.

Leichhardt Oval will always be an important part of rugby league's suburban ground offerings in Sydney and I welcome your support for investment in the facility. The work Inner West Council has done to make Leichhardt Oval a cornerstone of not only rugby league, but soccer and rugby union as well, is to be commended. The multi-sport approach will certainly help attract State and Federal investment. I would appreciate your views on what upgrades should be prioritised at the venue and any advice you have on Council's plans to upgrade the venue.

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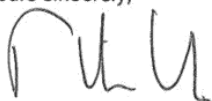
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Thank you for your ongoing support of rugby league and when the COVID 19 restrictions ease I hope to see you at a Tigers game in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Peter V'landys AM

Chairman

Australian Rugby League Commission

Item 11

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Attachment 1

Item	Location	Description of Works and Justification	Priority	Estimated Cost
Electrical services upgrades	Entire Venue	Upgrade main electrical distribution board, review current power supply points around venue and investigate and ensure adequate capacity for uninterrupted power supply for emergency lighting and related purposes (such as a back up generator) to meet Australian Standards, compliance and WHS requirements.	1. Must Do	\$100,000
Major refurbishment and increase in the number of permanent toilets	Entire Venue	Continue to upgrade all toilet facilities as identified in the masterplan. Prioritise upgraded northern end toilet block. Second priority would be to upgrade Eastern Hill toilets to provide adequate levels of toilet facilities and upgrade the condition of existing toilets (replace demountables) to meet compliance and requirements of NRL standards as well as improve patron experience and welfare.	1. Must Do	\$700,000 budgeted plus \$2,000,000 in additional toilets and improvements
Holistic access report recommendations	Entire Venue	Further engage with access consultant to confirm a rolling priority scope of works over a 1-3 year period to meet compliance requirements regarding access and egress, patron viewing, signage and amenities and ensure Emergency Management Plan considerations are cross referenced to meet legislative requirements and obligations under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination framework.	1. Must Do	\$50,000
Permanent venue operations control room	Main Grand Stand	Currently located in existing corporate suite a permanent and dedicated major event operations/control room with appropriate fit out including CCTV monitoring, adequate phone connections, power supply, seating and bench space for required attendees such as venue, hirer, police and security to improve patron safety and services, compliance, threat assessment and incident management is required	1. Must Do	\$200,000
Seating renewal and upgrade	Entire Venue	Initiate a rolling program over a 5 year period to replace all seating with new seats to improve patron satisfaction and experience and assisting with improved ticketing and the ability to accurately account for patron numbers within the venue.	2. Highly Recommended	\$1,200,000
Increased and/or improved permanent food and beverage outlets	Entire Venue	Improved catering and bar service levels through the provision of permanent facilities to increase the service levels and venue experience for patrons, hirers and other venue users.	2. Highly Recommended	\$3,000,000
Review of trade waste drainage infrastructure	Entire Venue	Related to T2.6 above, ensure future provisions requiring trade waste meet requirements and compliance to improve services to increased food and beverage operational sites.	2. Highly Recommended	\$100,000
Continue to roll out wayfinding signage upgrade around and throughout the venue	Entire Venue	Continue implementing roll out of general wayfinding signage upgrade to incorporate access signage and potential sponsor/advertising signage at Southern End to improve consistency, patron experience and good practice to meet industry standards	2. Highly Recommended	\$80,000
Upgrades to existing corporate function room Western Stand and existing corporate suite directly opposite the lift	Main Grand Stand	Undertake further upgrades such as new and improved bar area, updated joinery, facelift to flooring and painted surfaces, new and improved windows/ventilation, investigate installation of a removable stage for corporate events and non-event day functions, improve ICT such as PA system, modern TVs and improved AV equipment for presentation purposes to improve game day and non-event day experience and to increase ability to attract non-event day functions and meetings.	2. Highly Recommended	\$200,000
Continued dressing room upgrades	Main Grand Stand	Undertake a range of further upgrades including: , improved furniture, fixtures and equipment such as massage tables, updated joinery, facelift to flooring and painted surfaces, continue upgrading of air-conditioning and ventilation, floating slab/roof over away dressing room, player ice baths to ensure ability to meet minimum sporting code requirements to make the venue more attractive to potential hirers, increase satisfaction levels of current major hirers and players, continuous improvement of WHS issues.	2. Highly Recommended	\$200,000
Develop a second commentary box at venue in western grandstand and improve operational suites	Main Grand Stand	Investigate best options for location and consult with major hirers/broadcasters to meet standards of specific sporting codes and assist broadcasters supporting the venue for additional major event content. Consideration to be given to improvements and layout of operational and media spaces. Air- conditioning	2. Highly Recommended	\$350,000
Undertake a full updated venue condition audit	Entire Venue	Engage a consultant to undertake a fully updated venue condition audit including a 10 year priority maintenance plan and align the annual Leichhardt Oval maintenance budget with condition audit recommendations. This will allow a more effective and efficient annual asset maintenance budgeting for Council and provide the ability to identify priority maintenance works, particularly around WHS and compliance requirements and meet good practice industry standards.	2. Highly Recommended	\$50,000

Upgrade current ticketing box office display and advertising signage	Mary Street and Glover Street	Upgrade LED signage at main entry ticketing box location at Mary Street to improve effectiveness and meet requirements for contemporary public sport and entertainment venue, improve the messaging and advertising of ticketing prices and availability to improve the patrons experience with purchase and queuing, allow ability to advertise future events and potential for venue and hirers to use for advertising and sponsor content subject to Council approval.	2. Highly Recommended	\$100,000
Upgrade of digital infrastructure (Wi-fi network) throughout the venue to service event production requirements and improve fan experience	Entire Venue	Implement preferred Wi-Fi upgrades that best meet venue and hirer requirements, ensure adequate requirements at ticketing box office, back of house, catering outlets and corporate function area to meet contemporary event production and hirer requirements, support venue management and operations systems, increase ability to attract non-event day functions and meetings at venue.	2. Highly Recommended	\$40,000
Permanent CCTV surveillance system	Entire Venue	Engage specialist consultant to review positioning, type, monitoring requirements, servicing and cost of a permanent CCTV network, involve NSW Police in design phase to improve patron safety and security, heightened risk and threat assessment and improved incident management.	2. Highly Recommended	\$100,000+
Waste bin storage area	Main Grand Stand	Design and install best practice bin storage compound to meet the demand as there is no current dedicated waste bin storage compound at the venue.	2. Highly Recommended	\$50,000
Shading and rain cover to more seating areas	northern and southern seated areas	Engage contractor to design concept shade structure for Council consideration. There is a current lack of shading and cover at the venue in lower concourse seating for patrons to provide sun safety and severe weather protection. Further investigation required.	3. Major renovation	\$750,000
Enhanced underground conduits and cabling	Entire Venue	Review the site and provide recommendations for fixed backbone underground conduits and data and power cabling to dedicated positions in front of and back of house, explore capability of NBN and include LED lighting conduit/cabling solution to northern hill area to improve technology outcomes from patrons and hirers, increase the capability in attracting diverse events, decrease the need for temporary infrastructure requirements and increase overall technical capacity at the venue with improve reliability.	3. Major renovation	\$150,000
Lift Improvements	Main Grand Stand	Provide improved and upgraded lift at current location with increased capacity and reliability. Current lift is very small and has to service patrons and caterer, is old and not totally reliable compared to modern standards, improved access for patrons and access requirements.	3. Major renovation	\$250,000
Replace current suites with New corporate area and corporate kitchen within western stand	Main Grand Stand	Replace Indoor Suites with new corporate area and bar / servery at the southern end of the western grandstand which could be a corporate space or used to service current outdoor boxes.	3. Major renovation	\$2,000,000
Significant technology upgrades such as permanent big screen, venue owned LED signage and new whole of venue PA system	Entire Venue	Ensure the venue is in line with more modern stadia for major event content, improved fan engagement opportunities for major hirers and improved patron experience, increased revenue opportunities, assist in safety messaging in event of emergency or major issues.	3. Major renovation	\$500,000
Complete Mezzanine and Ground Floor level merge with T2.10	Main Grand Stand	Complete Main Grand Stand Mezzanine and Ground Floor to include commercial kitchen, meeting, media and player areas including separate female change areas and showers and additional lift.	3. Major renovation	\$6 - \$8 million
Keith Barnes Stand improvements	Keith Barnes Stand	Installation of bucket seating, accessible toilets and additional male toilets		\$100,000
Hall of Fame / Memorials	Mary or Grove Street Entrances	Consultation request	Low	500,000
Additional Corporate Suites merge with T2.17	Northern and southern seated areas	Provide additional revenue streams for hirers and events - Investigation required for construction of elevated suites at Northern incorporated with additional covered GA seating	Major Hirer Request	\$TBC
Improve Parking and Traffic	Rear of Main Grand Stand	Innovation and investigation required to address safety issues associated with external Outdoor Broadcast area and the venue not having a "service" entrance for operational and Catering vehicles	Broadcaster Request	\$100,000
Improve Public Parking	Mary Street and Glover Street	Investigate the creation of additional parking.	3. Major renovation	\$TBC

Improve Main Entrance Mary Street	Mary Street	Consideration to be given to location of Groundsman shed, turnstiles, covered entry, ticket booths, Investigate future use of 39 Mary Street	3. Major renovation	\$TBC
Upgrade Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Upgrade / refurb scoreboard to create a structure which is functionable and operational	2. Highly Recommended	\$300,000
Replace Field of Play Fencing	Field of Play	Upgrade required	2. Highly Recommended	\$200,000

Item No: C0620(2) Item 12
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE:STRONGER COMMUNITY GRANTS SHORTFALL
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. Notes that Inner West Council received no funding in the second round of Stronger Communities Grant funding, which was designated to help Councils that were forcibly amalgamated by the NSW Government in 2016; and**
- 2. Writes to the Premier for New South Wales and the Minister for Local Government requesting that Inner West Council receives its fair share of the Stronger Communities Grant funding.**

Background

On 27 May, Channel Nine News published a story highlighting the distribution of the Stronger Communities Fund grants to amalgamated Councils, and some that didn't even end up amalgamating.

The report was critical of the way the State Government allocated the funds and noted there was a potential bias of funding towards Councils in Coalition-held State seats. In fact, the Channel Nine reporter obtained data that showed 80 per cent of the Government funding went to Councils in seats held by Government members.

The reporter also alleged that \$200 million in funding was diverted to Councils in Government-held seats while just \$5m was given to Councils in Labor/Green electorates.

The funding from this element of the Stronger Communities Fund was to be made to Councils that were forcibly amalgamated in 2016. So, it is incredible that Hornsby Council, whose Mayor is former Federal Minister and NSW Liberal Party President Phillip Ruddock and a Council that wasn't amalgamated with another Council, received a massive \$90 million in funding.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Link to Channel Nine Story

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