

AGENDA



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

6.30PM

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- C0521(2) Item 40 Lambert Park Lease Negotiation Update

Item No: C0521(2) Item 1

Subject: INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the revised Inner West Council Investment Policy be adopted.

DISCUSSION

The proposed changes to Inner West Council's Investment Policy are primarily aimed at complying with NSW TCorp's loan covenant for the recent borrowings. No changes to Council's policy regarding non-fossil fuel exposure has been made.

The most significant proposed amendment is the removal of references to short term credit ratings of Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs). NSW TCorp is not allowing for risk differentiation between short term and long term exposures to the same bank.

NSW TCorp requires tighter limits on exposures to banks with BBB+ and BBB long term credit ratings. NSW TCorp's specific requirements are as follows:

- ***Combined investments with ADIs with a Long Term Debt Rating of BBB+ and BBB are to be reduced to a maximum of 20% of Council's Investment Funds;***
Note: Since many banks with BBB+ and BBB long term ratings also have short term ratings of A-2, this will limit Council's diversification among those banks.
- ***Investments with an ADI with a Long Term Debt Rating of BBB- and an Unrated ADI are to be limited to the amount of the Commonwealth Government Guarantee (Financial Claims Scheme).***
Note: Council does not have any exposure to BBB- or Unrated ADIs. It is recommended these categories are not included in the policy as their impact would be marginal given the current government guarantee limit of \$250,000 per institution.

The recommended changes to the Investment Policy are as follows:

1) Overall Portfolio Credit Framework

Current:

To control the credit quality on the entire portfolio, the following credit framework limits the percentage of the portfolio exposed to any particular credit rating category.

ADI Portfolio Credit Limits/Ratings		
Long Term	Short Term	Maximum
AAA	A-1+	100%
AA	A-1	100%
A	A-2	70%
BBB	N/A	20%
Unrated	Unrated	10%
Specific Ministerial Approved Forms of Investment		
NSW Treasury Corp Deposits and TCorpIM Funds		100%

Proposed:

To control the credit quality on the entire portfolio, the following credit framework limits the percentage of the portfolio exposed to any particular credit rating category.

Long Term Credit Ratings	Portfolio Max %
AAA, AA+, AA, AA-	100%
A+, A, A-	70%
BBB+, BBB	20%
BBB- and lower & Unrated (excluding NSW TCorpIM Funds)	0%
Specific Ministerial Approved Forms of Investment	Portfolio Max %
NSW TCorpIM Funds	100%

2) Individual Institution Credit Framework:

Current:

Exposure to an individual institution will be restricted by their credit rating so that single entity exposure is limited, as detailed in the table below:

ADI Portfolio Credit Limits/Ratings		
Long Term	Short Term	Maximum
AAA	A-1+	45%
AA	A-1	30%
A	A-2	20%
BBB	N/A	10%
Unrated	Unrated	5%
NSW Treasury Corp Deposits and TCorp IM Funds		
11am, Term Deposits or Bonds		35%
TCorpIM Cash Fund		35%
TCorpIM Strategic Cash Fund		20%

Proposed:

Council's exposure to an individual institution will be restricted by the institution's credit rating, with the exception of the NSW TCorpIM funds, which do not have credit ratings.

Long Term Credit Ratings	Institution Max %
AAA, AA+, AA, AA-	50%
A+, A, A-	30%
BBB+, BBB	10%
BBB- and lower & Unrated (excluding NSW TCorpIM Funds)	0%
NSW TCorp IM Funds	Max %
TCorpIM Cash Fund	35%
TCorpIM Short Term Income Fund	20%

Credit ratings are based upon the Standard & Poor's Investment Rating, or equivalent, where a Standard & Poor's Investment Rating does not exist.

3) Term to Maturity Framework:

It is proposed to streamline the term to maturity categories by eliminating subgroup limits, e.g. >3 years ≤5 years, but maintaining scaled limits, e.g. Portfolio % > 3 years:

Current

Overall Portfolio Term to Maturity Limits		
Portfolio % ≤1 year	Min 40%	Max 100%
Portfolio % >1 year ≤10 years	Min 0%	Max 60%
>1 year ≤ 3 years	Min 0%	Max 60%
>3 years ≤5 years	Min 0%	Max 30%
>5 years ≤10 years	Min 0%	Max 15%

Proposed:

Overall Portfolio Term to Maturity Limits		
Portfolio % ≤1 year	Min 40%	Max 100%
Portfolio % >1 year ≤10 years	Min 0%	Max 60%
Portfolio % > 3 years	Min 0%	Max 30%
Portfolio % > 5 yrs ≤ 10 yrs	Min 0%	Max 15%

4) Delegation of Authority

Many banks are requesting proof of Delegated Authorities having been ratified by Council. For the purposes of investing, it is efficient to have a table within the Investment Policy. The following changes are recommended:

Current:

Authority for implementation of the Investment Policy is delegated by Council to the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The General Manager may in turn delegate the day-to-day management of Council's investment to the Responsible Accounting Officer or senior staff, subject to regular reviews.

Officers with delegated authority to manage Council's investments shall be recorded and required to acknowledge they have received a copy of this policy and understand their obligations in this role.

Proposed:

Authority for implementation of the Investment Policy is delegated by Council to the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Authorised Officer	Roles and Responsibilities
General Manager	Authority to invest surplus funds and authority to delegate this function in accordance with the councils adopted investment policy.
Chief Operating Officer	Per Delegation
Chief Financial Officer	Per Delegation
Rates & Investment Manager	Per Delegation

Those officers with delegated authority to manage Council's investments, as per above, shall acknowledge they have received a copy of this policy and understand their obligations in this role.

Additional Notes:

- Reference to “11am, Term Deposits and Bonds” available through NSW TCorp has been removed as those investment options are easily accessible directly from the banks themselves.
 - If Council were to obtain bank deposits via NSW TCorp, the credit exposures would be limited according to the credit rating of the bank not NSW TCorp.
 - The NSW TCorp Green Term Deposits are rated AA+ and will come under the 50% limit for AA+ rated exposure. In December 2020, Standard & Poor’s Credit Rating Agency downgraded New South Wales’ credit rating from AAA to AA+ in response to an expected large scale increase in debt to help rebuild the state’s post-covid economy. Despite the downgrade, there is little concern regarding NSW’s ability to repay its debts and the AA+ credit rating is among the highest given to an Australian state or territory.
- The proposed Institutional Credit Limit for individual banks with credit ratings of AAA, AA+, AA, and AA- has been increased to 50%. This provides more allowance for Green Term Deposits currently being provided by NSW TCorp (AA+ rated) and Westpac (AA- rated).
- The proposed Institutional Credit Limit for individual banks with credit ratings of A+, A & A- has been increased to 30%. This provides more allowance to the highest rated non-fossil aligned banks, such as Suncorp and Rabobank.
- Under Performance Benchmarks:
 - the reference to “1 July 2018” has been removed in the following sentence:
In addition, Council targets exposure to non-fossil fuel investments to be no less than 70% of its overall portfolio. ~~from 1 July 2018 onward.~~
 - With the sharp drop in interest rates over the past two years and with expectations that the RBA will keep the official cash rate at 0.10%pa into 2024 in an effort to support economic growth, the budgeted target return for interest income is recommended to be amended from 125 to 40 basis points above the BBSW.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Inner West Council Investment Policy](#)



Inner West Council Investment Policy

Objectives

To provide a framework for the investing of Council's funds at the most favourable return available to it at the time whilst having due consideration of risk and security for that investment type and ensuring that its liquidity requirements are being met while exercising the power to invest, consideration is to be given to the preservation of capital, liquidity, and the return on investment.

Preservation of capital is the principal objective of the investment portfolio. Investments are to be placed in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguarding the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk within identified thresholds and parameters.

Investments should be allocated to ensure there is sufficient liquidity to meet all reasonably anticipated cash flow requirements, as and when they fall due, without incurring the risk of significant costs due to the unanticipated sale of an investment.

Investments are expected to achieve a market average rate of return in line with Council's Risk Management Guidelines.

In conjunction with the above objectives, Council has determined to proactively move toward a non-fossil fuel investment portfolio as soon as possible.

Legislative Requirements

All investments are to comply with the following:

- *Local Government Act 1993;*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;*
- *Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011;*
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting;*
- *Australian Accounting Standards; and*
- *Division of Local Government Investment Policy Guidelines May 2010*



Delegation of Authority

Authority for implementation of the Investment Policy is delegated by Council to the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Authorised Officer	Roles and Responsibilities
General Manager	Authority to invest surplus funds and authority to delegate this function in accordance with the councils adopted investment policy.
Chief Operating Officer	Per Delegation
Chief Financial Officer	Per Delegation
Rates & Investments Manager	Per Delegation

Those officers with delegated authority to manage Council's investments, as per above, shall acknowledge they have received a copy of this policy and understand their obligations in this role.

Prudent Person Standard

The investment will be managed with the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise. As trustees of public monies, officers are to manage Council's investment portfolios to safeguard the portfolio in accordance with the spirit of this Investment Policy, and not for speculative purposes.

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Officers with delegated authority to manage Council's investments shall refrain from personal activities that would conflict with the proper execution and management of Council's investment portfolio. This policy requires officers to disclose any conflict of interest to the General Manager.

Independent advisors are also required to declare that they have no actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Approved Investments

Investments are limited to those allowed by the Ministerial Investment Order dated 17 February 2011 and include:

- Any public funds or securities issued by or guaranteed by the Commonwealth, any State of the Commonwealth or a Territory;
- Interest bearing deposits or debenture or bonds issued by an authorised deposit taking institution (ADI), excluding subordinated debt obligations;
- Bills of exchange, (<200 days duration), guaranteed by and authorised deposit taking institution (ADI);
- Debentures or securities issued by a NSW council
- Deposits with NSW Treasury &/or Investments in the TCorpIM Funds; and
- Investments grandfathered under the previous Ministerial Investment Order.



Prohibited Investments

This investment policy prohibits but is not limited to any investment carried out for speculative purposes, including;

- Derivative based instruments;
- Principal only investments or securities that provide potentially nil or negative cash flow; and
- Stand alone securities issued that have underlying futures, options, forwards contracts and swaps of any kind.

Council shall have no investments in Broadspectrum Ltd (formerly Transfield Services) and Wilson Security, or other companies that profit from detention centres, until their association with detention centres cease.

This policy prohibits the use of leveraging (borrowing to invest) of an investment.

Risk Management Guidelines

Investments are expected to achieve a market average rate of return in line with the Council's risk tolerance. Investments are to be considered in the light of the following key criteria:

- Preservation of Capital – the requirement for preventing losses in an investment portfolio's total value;
- Diversification – the requirement to place investments in a broad range of products so as not to be over exposed to a particular sector of the investment market;
- Market Risk - the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of an investment will fluctuate due to changes in market prices;
- Liquidity Risk - the risk an investor is unable to redeem the investment at a fair price within a timely period;
- Maturity Risk - the risk relating to the length of term to maturity of the investment. The larger the term, the greater the length of exposure and risk to market volatilities; and
- Leveraging Risk - the magnification of an investor's risk and return that occurs when the investor takes on financial leverage through an investment product.

Credit and Maturity Guidelines

Investments are to comply with three key criteria relating to:

- **Overall Portfolio Credit Framework:** limit overall credit exposure of the portfolio;
- **Institutional Credit Framework:** limit exposure to individual institutions based on their credit ratings. and;
- **Term to Maturity Framework:** limits based upon maturity of securities.



(1) Overall Portfolio Credit Framework

To control the credit quality on the entire portfolio, the following credit framework limits the percentage of the total portfolio exposed to particular credit rating categories.

Long Term Credit Ratings	Portfolio Max %
AAA, AA+, AA, AA-	100%
A+, A, A-	70%
BBB+, BBB	20%
BBB- and lower & Unrated (excluding NSW TCorpIM Funds)	0%
Specific Ministerial Approved Forms of Investment	Portfolio Max %
NSW TCorpIM Funds	100%

Credit ratings are based upon the Standard & Poor's Investment Rating, or equivalent, where a Standard & Poor's Investment Rating does not exist.

(2) Institutional Credit Framework

Council's exposure to an individual institution will be restricted by the institution's credit rating, with the exception of the NSW TCorpIM funds, which do not have credit ratings.

Long Term Credit Ratings	Institution Max %
AAA, AA+, AA, AA-	50%
A+, A, A-	30%
BBB+, BBB	10%
BBB- and lower & Unrated (excluding NSW TCorpIM Funds)	0%
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TCorpIM Short Term Income Fund	20%

Credit ratings are based upon the Standard & Poor's Investment Rating, or equivalent, where a Standard & Poor's Investment Rating does not exist.

If any of the Council's investments are downgraded such that they no longer fall within the investment policy limits, they will be divested as soon as practicable having regard to potential losses resulting from early redemption and subject to minimising any loss of capital that may arise from compliance with this provision.

(3) Term to Maturity Framework

The investment portfolio is to be invested within the following maturity constraints:

Overall Portfolio Term to Maturity Limits		
Portfolio % ≤1 year	Min 40%	Max 100%
Portfolio % >1 year ≤10 years	Min 0%	Max 60%
Portfolio % > 3 years	Min 0%	Max 30%
Portfolio % > 5 years ≤ 10 years	Min 0%	Max 15%



Investment Strategy

An Investment Strategy will run in conjunction with the investment policy. The investment strategy will be reviewed with an independent investment advisor once a year. The Strategy will outline:

- Council's cash flow expectations;
- Optimal target allocation of investment types, credit rating exposure and term to maturity exposure; and
- Appropriateness of overall investment types for Council's portfolio.

Ethical Investments

Within the limits of prevailing Legislation and this Investment Policy, Council's investments will be made in consideration of the principles of ethical investment management.

Council's investment portfolio is to consist entirely of socially responsible investments and deposits in non-fossil fuel aligned banks.

Investment Advisor

Council's investment advisor must be approved by Council and licensed by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission. The advisor must be an independent person who has no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to investment products being recommended and is free to choose the most appropriate product within the terms and conditions of the investment policy.

The independent advisor is required to provide written confirmation that they do not have any actual or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the investments they are recommending or reviewing, including that they are not receiving any commissions or other benefits in relation to the investments being recommended or reviewed.

Council's appointed independent investment adviser is Prudential Investment Services Corp. They have provided the required written confirmation to Council.

Measurement

The investment return for the portfolio is to be regularly reviewed by an independent financial advisor by assessing the market value of the portfolio. The market value is to be assessed at least once a month to coincide with monthly reporting.

Performance Benchmarks

The performance of the investment portfolio shall be measured against the industry standard Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index and/or the Official Cash Rate. As a budget benchmark, Council's budgeted target for interest income is a minimum return of 40 basis points above the BBSW.

In addition, Council targets exposure to non-fossil fuel investments to be no less than 70% of its overall portfolio.



Reporting and Reviewing of Investments

Documentary evidence must be held for each investment and details thereof maintained in an investment Register.

The documentary evidence must provide Council legal title to the investment.

Certificates must be obtained from the financial institutions confirming the amounts of investments held on the Council's behalf as at 30 June each year and reconciled to the Investment Register.

All investments are to be appropriately recorded in Council's financial records and reconciled at least on a monthly basis.

A monthly investment report will be provided to Council. The report will detail the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value.

The monthly investment report will include details of the current proportion of investments that are non-fossil fuel investments and will include details of progress in meeting the prevailing performance benchmark in respect of non-fossil fuel investments.

Policy Review

This Investment Policy will be reviewed at least once a year or as required in the event of legislative changes. The Investment Policy may also be changed as a result of other amendments that are to the advantage of that Council and in the spirit of this policy.

The benchmark for achieving a non-fossil fuel investment portfolio will be reviewed at least once a year. As these changes occur over time, the investment report shall reflect the change in risk profile, maturity profile and return (interest rate).

Any amendment to the Investment Policy, including changes to the non-fossil fuel benchmark, must be by way of Council resolution.



APPENDIX – Ministerial Investment Order 2011



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REVISED MINISTERIAL INVESTMENT ORDER

A revised Investment Order pursuant to section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* has been issued. The Minister for Local Government signed the revised Order on 12 January 2011 and it was published in the NSW Government Gazette on 11 February 2011. It replaces the Order dated 31 July 2008. The revised Order is attached to this circular.

Changes to the Investment Order include:

- the removal of the ability to invest in the mortgage of land (part (c) of the Investment Order dated 31 July 2008)
- the removal of the ability to make a deposit with the Local Government Financial Services Pty Ltd (part (f) of the order dated 31 July 2008)
- the addition of "Key Considerations" in the revised Investment Order, which includes a comment that a council's General Manager, or any other staff, with delegated authority by a council to invest in funds on behalf of the council must do so in accordance with the council's adopted investment policy.

Councils are reminded that on 25 May 2010 the Division of Local Government issued Investment Policy Guidelines (Circular to Councils 10-11 refers). It is expected that all councils will by now have adopted an Investment Policy in accordance with the Guidelines.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – INVESTMENT ORDER (Relating to investments by councils)

I, the Hon. Barbara Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, in pursuance of section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and with the approval of the Treasurer, do, by this my Order, notify for the purposes of section 625 of that Act that a council or county council may only invest money (on the basis that all investments must be denominated in Australian Dollars) in the following forms of investment:

- (a) any public funds or securities issued by or guaranteed by, the Commonwealth, any State of the Commonwealth or a Territory;
- (b) any debentures or securities issued by a council (within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW));
- (c) interest bearing deposits with, or any debentures or bonds issued by, an authorised deposit-taking institution (as defined in the *Banking Act 1959* (Cwth)), but excluding subordinated debt obligations;
- (d) any bill of exchange which has a maturity date of not more than 200 days; and if purchased for value confers on the holder in due course a right of recourse against a bank which has been designated as an authorised deposit-taking institution by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
- (e) a deposit with the New South Wales Treasury Corporation or investments in an Hour-Glass investment facility of the New South Wales Treasury Corporation;

All investment instruments (excluding short term discount instruments) referred to above include both principal and investment income.

Transitional Arrangements

- (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) nothing in this Order affects any investment made before the date of this Order which was made in compliance with the previous Ministerial Orders, and such investments are taken to be in compliance with this Order.
- (ii) Paragraph (i) only applies to those investments made before the date of this Order and does not apply to any restructuring or switching of investments or any re-investment of proceeds received on disposal or maturity of such investments, which for the avoidance of doubt must comply with this Order.

Key Considerations

An investment is not in a form of investment notified by this order unless it also complies with an investment policy of council adopted by a resolution of council.

All councils should by resolution adopt an investment policy that is consistent with this Order and any guidelines issued by the Chief Executive (Local Government), Department of Premier and Cabinet, from time to time.

The General Manager, or any other staff member, with delegated authority by a council to invest funds on behalf of a council must do so in accordance with the council's adopted investment policy.

Councils have a fiduciary responsibility when investing. Councils should exercise the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons.

When exercising the power of investment councils should consider, but not be limited by, the risk of capital or income loss or depreciation, the likely income return and the timing of income return, the length of the term of the proposed investment, the liquidity and marketability of the proposed investment, the likelihood of inflation affecting the value of the proposed investment and the costs (including commissions, fees, charges and duties payable) of making the proposed investment.

Dated this 12th day of January 2011


Hon BARBARA PERRY MP
Minister for Local Government



APPENDIX - Extracts of Legislative Requirements

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 412 & 625

Section 412 Accounting Records

- (1) A council must keep such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain its financial transactions and its financial position.
- (2) In particular, a council must keep its accounting records in a manner and form that facilitate:
 - (a) the preparation of financial reports that present fairly its financial position and the results of its operations, and
 - (b) the convenient and proper auditing of those reports.

Section 625 How May Councils Invest?

- (1) A council may invest money that is not, for the time being, required by the council for any other purpose.
- (2) Money may be invested only in a form of investment notified by order of the Minister published in the Gazette.
- (3) An order of the Minister notifying a form of investment for the purposes of this section must not be made without the approval of the Treasurer.
- (4) The acquisition, in accordance with section 358, of a controlling interest in a corporation is not an investment for the purposes of this section.



**THE TRUSTEE AMENDMENT (DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENTS) ACT
1997 – SECTIONS 14A(2), 14C (1) & (2)**

14A (2) Duties of trustee in respect of power of investment

A trustee must, in exercising a power of investment:

- (a) if the trustee's profession, business or employment is or includes acting as a trustee or investing money on behalf of other persons, exercise the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person engaged in that profession, business or employment would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons, or
- (b) if the trustee is not engaged in such a profession, business or employment, exercise the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons.

14C Matters to which trustee is to have regard when exercising power of investment

(1) Without limiting the matters that a trustee may take into account when exercising a power of investment, a trustee must, so far as they are appropriate to the circumstances of the trust, if any, have regard to the following matters:

- (a) the purposes of the trust and the needs and circumstances of the beneficiaries,
- (b) the desirability of diversifying trust investments,
- (c) the nature of, and the risk associated with, existing trust investments and other trust property,
- (d) the need to maintain the real value of the capital or income of the trust,
- (e) the risk of capital or income loss or depreciation,
- (f) the potential for capital appreciation,
- (g) the likely income return and the timing of income return,
- (h) the length of the term of the proposed investment,



- (i) the probable duration of the trust,
 - (j) the liquidity and marketability of the proposed investment during, and on the determination of, the term of the proposed investment,
 - (k) the aggregate value of the trust estate,
 - (l) the effect of the proposed investment in relation to the tax liability of the trust,
 - (m) the likelihood of inflation affecting the value of the proposed investment or other trust property,
 - (n) the costs (including commissions, fees, charges and duties payable) of making the proposed investment,
 - (o) the results of a review of existing trust investments in accordance with section 14A (4).
- (2) A trustee may, having regard to the size and nature of the trust, do either or both of the following:
- (a) obtain and consider independent and impartial advice reasonably required for the investment of trust funds or the management of the investment from a person whom the trustee reasonably believes to be competent to give the advice,
 - (b) pay out of trust funds the reasonable costs of obtaining the advice.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 - CLAUSE 212

212 Reports on council investments

(1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:

(a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented:

i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or

ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and

(b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.

(2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

Note. Section 625 of the Act says how a council may invest its surplus funds.



APPENDIX – NSW Local Government Eligible Investments

Definitions of Eligible ADI Investments:

11am call deposits: Cash invested on an overnight basis with an Australian Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI). Funds can be recalled or re-invested prior to the bank's Real Time Gross Settlement cut-off each day.

Benefits

- 11am account provides a quick and easy investment solution for current balances that are not being used otherwise.

Major Risks / Disadvantages

- Potentially a lower return investment product.
- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the issuer.

Covered Bonds: interest bearing senior ranking debt obligations of an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI) which have specific bank assets, ie loans, backing the bond. Covered bonds are market traded securities. They can be either fixed rate or floating rate interest bearing and typically are issued with 5+ year maturities. In the case of a bank failure, holders of covered bonds rank ahead of depositors and unsecured senior bond holders having first recourse to the underlying pool of assets backing the bond. If the pool's assets are not sufficient to meet the covered bond's obligations, holders then have recourse to the bank's total assets equal to other senior unsecured bondholders.

Benefits

- Highest ranking securities within a bank's capital structure.
- Securities are liquid allowing them to be sold on the secondary market.
- Fixed rate: Future coupons are known which helps with cash flow forecasting.
- Floating rate: Coupons move with the market, allowing for investor participation when interest rates increase.

Major Risks / Disadvantages

- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the issuer/underlying assets.
- Fixed rate: interest rate risk applies in that a pre-determined coupon rate is locked in.
- Floating rate: coupons move with the market, allowing for reduced earning capacity when interest rates decrease.



Term deposits: interest bearing deposit held at an ADI for a specific contracted period. Term deposits are not tradeable in the market. They typically have a fixed rate for their life, but floating rate term deposits are also available. Prior to the introduction of Covered Bonds into the Australian market, in early 2012, term deposits ranked at the top of an ADI's capital structure.

Benefits

- Term deposits are considered to be a relatively low-risk investment.
- As these funds are not callable prior to maturity, banks generally offer a return premium.
- This type of investment allows investors to match cash flow requirements.
- The return is known.

Major Risks/ Disadvantages

- Liquidity risk applies in that deposits are not redeemable before maturity. Deposits may not be breakable at all or may only be broken after a prohibitive break fee is paid.
- Interest Rate risk applies in that the rate of return is fixed.
- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the ADI.
- Counterparty/credit risk increases if invested with unrated/low rated financial institutions.

Bank Bills and Negotiable Certificates of Deposits (NCDs): are similar types of interest bearing securities issued/accepted by ADIs, typically short dated. Unlike term deposits, these are tradeable in the market prior to maturity.

Benefits

- Counterparty party risk is partially mitigated by the accepting/issuing bank, which is typically a bank with very high credit rating.
- The return on the bank Bill and NCD is known if held until maturity.
- Bank bills and NCDs are liquid and can be traded on the secondary market.

Major Risks/ Disadvantages

- Being a lower risk investment option, Bank Bills/NCDs provide a lower return.
- Interest Rate risk is present in that the rate is locked in for a fixed term.
- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the institution.

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Senior Debt Bonds: interest bearing securities which are senior debt obligations of the issuing ADI. Senior bonds are tradeable in the market. They can be either fixed rate or floating rate interest bearing and are typically issued with 3+ year maturities. Interest is paid at scheduled intervals based on the face value of the bond with repayment of capital paid upon maturity. In the case of a bank failure, senior bond holders rank above subordinated debt holders and shareholders but below covered bond holders and depositors.

Benefits

- High ranking securities within a bank's capital structure.
- Securities are liquid allowing them to be sold on the secondary market.
- Fixed rate: Future coupons are known which helps with cash flow forecasting.
- Floating rate: Coupons move with the market, allowing for investor participation when interest rates increase.

Major Risks / Disadvantages

- Credit risk is a function of the creditworthiness of the issuer/underlying assets.
- Interest rate risk applies in that a pre-determined coupon rate is locked in.
- Fixed rate: interest rate risk applies in that a pre-determined coupon rate is locked in.
- Floating rate: coupons move with the market, allowing for reduced earning capacity when interest rates decrease.

Other NSW Local Government Eligible Investments (Non-ADI) being actively monitored:

Commonwealth/State/Territory Government securities e.g. bonds:-

These are interest paying securities which are issued by one of the above Australian government bodies and are guaranteed by that issuer. As such, these securities carry the same credit rating as the issuing government body.

Benefits

- Among the most secure investments available to Australian investors.
- Future coupons are known which helps with cash flow forecasting.

Major Risks / Disadvantages

- Typically much lower yielding than other investment options due to low investment risk of issuer.
- Interest rate risk applies in that a pre-determined coupon rate is locked in.



Deposits with NSW Treasury &/or Investments in NSW TCorpIM Funds:

The NSW Treasury Corporation IM Funds comprises a number of pooled managed funds options each set up as a unit trust. The cash and fixed income options available through the TCorpIM Funds are the Cash Fund and the Strategic Cash Fund.

The Cash Fund provides the more transactional type option and is designed for investments ranging from overnight to 1.5 years, whilst the Strategic Cash Fund is designed for investments ranging from 1.5 years out to 3 years.

Both investments will pay back the balance of the investment generally within 24 to 72 hours.

Benefits

- Investments are pooled and as such a much more diversified pool of underlying investment is possible over investing in securities directly – particularly for small investment amounts.
- A broader investment pool usually allows for a smoothing of any volatility in the underlying investments.

Major Risks/Disadvantages

- As a unit trust, investment in the TCorpIM Funds are not deposits or liabilities of NSW TCorp.
- The TCorpIM Funds are subject to market and liquidity risk associated with their underlying securities.
- Usually an additional layer of fees is incurred via a managed fund to pay for fund manager costs.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 2

Subject: LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 2021

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

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 April 2021 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

ITEMS BY WARD

Ward	Item
Baludarri (Balmain)	Sydney Metro West, Power Enabling Works - Full Road Closures
	Eaton Street, Balmain - Disabled Parking Zone
	Piper Street and White Street, Lilyfield - Proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions
	Proposed Landscaping Works - Railway Parade, Annandale
	Resurfacing of Lilyfield Road, Lilyfield
Gulgadya (Leichhardt)	Traffic Assessment on the Ashfield Aquatic Centre (160-178 Elizabeth Street, Ashfield)
	168 Norton Street (between Carlisle Street and Maccauley Street), Leichhardt - Road Occupancy
	Traffic management in Styles Street, Leichhardt
Midjuburi (Marrickville)	Tempe South Final Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study
	Garden Street, Marrickville – Sydney Metro SSJ - Notice of a Temporary Full Road Closure for a 4 day period to undertake restoration work
	Centennial Street, Marrickville – Temporary Road Closure for a Special Event at Henson Park – 2021 Beer, Footy and Food Festival on Saturday 24 July and Saturday 7 August 2021
	Request for 'No Stopping' or 'No Parking' signage on Arthur Street, Marrickville
Djarrawunang (Ashfield)	Parking and traffic management in The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill
Damun (Stanmore)	Toothill Street Near Victoria Street, Lewisham - Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works – Design Plan 10163
	South Avenue, Petersham - Extension of 'No Parking' restrictions due to width of roadway
	Edgeware Road, Newtown between Wells & Darley Street - Proposed extension of Permit Parking Area M14
All Wards	Draft Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) - For Public Exhibition
	Draft Car Share Policy

DISCUSSION

The April 2021 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. [Download](#) Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes April 2021

Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting

Held electronically in April 2021

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)
Bill Holliday	Representative for Jamie Parker MP, Member for Balmain
Kieren Ash	Representative for Ron Hoenig MP, Member for Heffron
Maryanne Duggan	Representative for Jodi McKay MP, Member for Strathfield
SC Tony Kenny	NSW Police - Inner West Police Area Command
Tanmila Samin Islam	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Jones	Inner West Bicycle Coalition (IWBC)
Bob Moore	Inner West Bicycle Coalition (IWBC)
Adrian Prichard	Transit Systems – Inner West Bus Services
Clr Marghanita da Cruz	Councillor – Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward (Alternative Chair)
Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Sunny Jo	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
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 March 2021 were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

The Local Traffic Committee recommendations of its meeting held in March 2021 were adopted at Council's meeting held on 13 April 2021 with the following amendments:

- That Council refer concerns on Item 7 Unwins Bridge Road, Way Street, Toyer Street & Collins Street, St Peters - Formalising Parking Restrictions around Tempe High School (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward/ Heffron Electorate/ Inner West PAC) by residents in Toyer Street back to the Local Traffic Committee to amend point 5 to a

'10 metre No Stopping' on the Northern side of Toyer Street east of Collins Street and delete point 6;

- b) That Item 9 Balmain East Precinct Parking Study (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC) be deferred pending a briefing for Balmain ward councillors; and
- c) That Item 3 Detailed works (Traffic & Parking) in Trafalgar Street, Petersham - RSL Petersham Development - DA201800173 & Implementation of the Regional Bicycle Route 7 (RR7) (Stanmore Ward-Damun/Newton Electorate/Inner West PAC) go back to the LTC for further review.

EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The representative for NSW Police – Inner West supported the Officer's recommendations for the items in their PAC.

The Transit Systems representative supported all the Officer's recommendations.

LTC0421(1) Item 1 Tempe South Final Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Heffron Electorate/Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

After the Public Exhibition of the draft Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study, Council has collated and assessed community feedback and revised the final recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1.

The draft report underwent a 28 day public exhibition during November 2020 and January 2021, with letters sent to residents and businesses in the study area inviting to visit the Your Say Inner West project page to see the draft report, proposed concept plans, and provide feedback via an online survey. Comments were also accepted and received through email and post.

Amongst the responses included resident groups from Union Street and Smith Street. Additional submissions from businesses were also received. In general, most submissions indicated some preference to the proposed treatments, with the exception from Union Street where residents opposed both options proposed for the street, and Tramway Street where there was opposition to the contrasting pavements.

Having considered the submissions, a review was undertaken for a 'No Entry' treatment from Smith Street to Union Street at Princess Highway traffic signals, a shared zone treatment in Union Street and a partial road closure in Brooklyn Street. Further consultation for these treatments is required.

Generally, the remaining treatments was supported by the community, and these are outlined in Appendix E: Engagement Outcomes Report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The final Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study and proposed treatments be noted;
2. The recommended treatments as outlined in Attachment 2 be adopted excluding proposals at Union Street and Brooklyn Street;
3. Further consultation be undertaken for a partial road closure at Brooklyn Street at Princess Highway, a 'Shared Zone' in Union Street, 'No Entry from Smith Street', 'Left

- and Right Only' restriction at the entrance of Union Street at Princess Highway and Smith Street traffic signals;
4. After a 12 month period following the issue of an Occupation Certificate for the Bunnings Development at 728-750 Princess Highway, a LATM review be undertaken by Council and reported back to the Traffic Committee; and
 5. It be noted that Council is separately investigating the provision of traffic signals at the Bunnings exit driveway at Princess Highway.

DISCUSSION

The TfNSW representative stated that:

- The partial road closure from Princes Highway onto Brooklyn Street will need TfNSW approval. The proposed road closure will result in more traffic on Union Street, which will impact the safe operation of a Shared Zone.
- Restricting through movements from Smith Street onto Union Street will leave motorists almost no option to enter Union Street or lead to a very significant detour and may not be supported by TfNSW. Further investigations will be required.

The Member for Heffron requested that the item be deferred until a determination regarding the signalised exit from Bunnings is received from the Minister for Transport.

The Committee members supported the deferral proposed by the Member for Heffron.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the final Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study and proposed treatments be deferred until a determination regarding the signalised exit from Bunnings is received from the Minister for Transport.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 2 Garden Street, Marrickville – Sydney Metro SSJ - Notice of a Temporary Full Road Closure for a 4 day period to undertake restoration work (Midjuburi – Marrickville Ward / Newtown Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received notice from Sydney Metro SSJ Group for the temporary full road closure of Garden Street, between Shirlow Street and road end, Marrickville for a 4 day period between the dates of 30 April and 3 May 2021 (contingency period of 2 weeks to 17 May 2021) in order to carry out restoration work on Garden Street. It is recommended that the proposed temporary full road closure be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Garden Street, between Shirlow Street and road end, Marrickville for a 4 day period between the dates of 30 April and 3 May 2021 (contingency period of 2 weeks to 17 May 2021) be approved for the purpose of restoration work on Garden Street subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from TMC;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Area Commander, 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

3. 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 Garden Street, between Shirlow Street and road end, Marrickville for a 4 day period between the dates of 30 April and 3 May 2021 (contingency period of 2 weeks to 17 May 2021) be approved for the purpose of restoration work on Garden Street subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

- 1. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from TMC;**
- 2. All affected residents and businesses, including the NSW Police Area Commander, 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**
- 3. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 3 Toothill Street Near Victoria Street, Lewisham - Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works – Design Plan 10163 (Damum - Stanmore Ward / Summer Hill Electorate/ Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has finalised a design plan for pedestrian safety improvement works in Toothill Street at Victoria Street, Lewisham. The proposed works will raise the existing pedestrian crossing to improve pedestrian and motorist safety and address concerns about pedestrian safety, particularly school children, and driver behaviour in the area.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and new adjacent kerb ramps and associated signs and line markings in Toothill Street at Victoria Street, Lewisham (as per Plan No.10163) be APPROVED.

DISCUSSION

The IWBC representative requested bike symbols on Toothill Street and Victoria Street.

Clr da Cruz provided feedback from a resident who requested a zebra crossing across Victoria Street at Toothill Street. Council Officers stated that this request is outside of the scope of the current project and would need to be investigated separately.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and new adjacent kerb ramps and associated signs and line markings in Toothill Street at Victoria Street, Lewisham (as per Plan No.10163) be APPROVED.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 4 Centennial Street, Marrickville – Temporary Road Closure for a Special Event at Henson Park – 2021 Beer, Footy and Food Festival on Saturday 24 July and Saturday 7 August 2021 (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward /Summer Hill Electorate /Inner West LAC)

SUMMARY

A S68 Application has been received from the Music & Booze Company together with the Newtown Rugby League Football Club to hold the 2021 Beer, Footy and Food Festival between 10.00am and 10.00pm on Saturday, 24 July 2021 and Saturday, 7 August 2021 at Henson Park Oval. The event requires the temporary full road closure of Centennial Street, Marrickville between Sydenham Road and the entrance gate to Henson Park Oval. It is recommended that Council agree to the temporary full road closure subject to the applicant complying with the following conditions and obtaining concurrence from Transport for NSW (formally RMS) as the closure entails lane closures on Sydenham Road, Marrickville.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Centennial Street, Marrickville between Sydenham Road and the entrance to Henson Park & Marrickville & District Hardcourt Tennis Club car park, between 10.00am and 10.00pm on Saturday 24 July 2021 and Saturday 7 August 2021 (contingency period of one month to 4 September 2021) for the purpose of holding the 'Beer, Footy and Food Festival 2021' event be APPROVED, subject to the approval of the S68 Application and the applicant complying with, but not limited to, the following conditions:

1. A Road Occupancy License application be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;
2. All affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary road closure at least 7 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses;
3. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed; and
4. Subject to written concurrence from Transport for New South Wales.

DISCUSSION

It was noted that this is a Class 3 event.

The IWBC representative suggested a review be undertaken to address missing or inadequate bike facilities in the area, including pram ramps.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Centennial Street, Marrickville between Sydenham Road and the entrance to Henson Park & Marrickville & District Hardcourt Tennis Club car park, between 10.00am and 10.00pm on Saturday 24 July 2021 and Saturday 7 August 2021 (contingency period of one month to 4 September 2021) for the purpose of holding the 'Beer, Footy and Food Festival 2021' event be APPROVED, subject to the approval of the S68 Application and the applicant complying with, but not limited to, the following conditions:

- 1. A Road Occupancy License application be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;**
- 2. All affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Local Area Commander, Transit Systems, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Services, shall be notified in writing by the applicant of the proposed temporary road closure at least 7 days prior to the event, with the applicant making reasonable provision for residents and businesses;**
- 3. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed; and**
- 4. Subject to written concurrence from Transport for New South Wales.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 5 Draft Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) - For Public Exhibition (All Wards / All Electorates / All PACS)

SUMMARY

Council's Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) identifies the need for a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) as a key action. The PAMP study aims to:

- Provide a network of safe, convenient and connected pedestrian routes which will encourage the shift from car dependency to walking.
- Enhance the pedestrian network to allow all pedestrian to enjoy safe, convenient and coherent independent mobility.

The work consisted of reviewing existing policies and strategies, future land use, reviewing historical crash data, community submissions and auditing existing pedestrian routes condition of identified priority routes. An initial community survey was also undertaken to seek the community's insight into being a pedestrian within the LGA. This led to the development of a draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP).

The Draft PAMP has been prepared by consultant; Bitzios Consulting. The full draft report is provided in Attachment 1.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The Draft Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) report be received and noted; and
2. The draft report be placed on Public Exhibition, providing a minimum 28 days for community feedback and the results be reported back to the Local Traffic Committee and Council.

DISCUSSION

The TfNSW representative advised that the PAMP should not making recommendations for State road carriageways or at signals. If there are any recommendations, these are to be reviewed and agreed to by TfNSW. The TfNSW representative also stated that any proposals for constructions along the State road network or at traffic signals will need to be approved by TfNSW.

The IWBC representative suggested a review also be undertaken to address missing or inadequate bike facilities, including pram ramps.

The representative for the Member for Balmain commented that the pedestrian path north of the City West Link northern sound wall is not shown in the PAMP maps or listing. The representative stated that the pavement of the path, which connects Charles Street to James Street via Hubert Street and Francis Street, has been lifted by tree roots. The lifting of pavements makes pedestrian access dangerous at night and is no longer wheelchair accessible. The representative for the Member for Balmain also requested for vegetation to be cleared from the footpath along the northern side of the City West Link, between Timbrell Drive and the footbridge opposite Waratah Street, Haberfield.

Clr da Cruz stated that the blue-green grid routes and a number of pedestrian routes have been omitted from the PAMP. Council Officers advised that the PAMP focuses primarily on auditing existing routes rather than establishing significant new routes. The blue-green grid is being separately investigated by Council's Urban Strategy Team and will establish a framework in which subsequent active transport planning will be carried out.

Additional footpath issues identified will be passed onto the relevant Council Officers for review.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. **The Draft Inner West Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) report be received and noted; and**
2. **The draft report be placed on Public Exhibition, providing a minimum 28 days for community feedback and the results be reported back to the Local Traffic Committee and Council.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 6 Traffic Assessment on the Ashfield Aquatic Centre (160-178 Elizabeth Street, Ashfield) (Gulgadya - Leichhardt Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

A Notice of Motion was raised at Council's meeting held on 9 March 2021 reading as follows:

'THAT as a matter of urgency, given the major impact the new Ashfield Pool is having on traffic, parking and safety, that this be referred to the Local Traffic Committee and be reported to an Ordinary Council meeting in May 2021.'

In response to the above, the following report accounts for the operation of the carparks associated with the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre, and the traffic flow, pedestrian and parking activity within the carparks and that of the adjacent roads as a result of the newly developed Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

Similarly, the report entails what measures have been incorporated and/or will be incorporated to address certain impacts on traffic, parking and safety. A Road Safety Audit will also be carried out to assess the measures incorporated and determine if further mitigating actions are required if necessary.

Traffic Committee approval is sought on regulatory measures on-road to support various actions required for improved operations and traffic safety around the Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. Double barrier (BB) centrelines be extended from the pedestrian crossing in Elizabeth Street (east of Etonville Parade) all the way to the signalised intersection of Elizabeth Street and Frederick Street, Ashfield.
3. 'All Traffic Left' and 'No Right Turn' be introduced at the Elizabeth Street driveway coming off the car park at the corner Frederick Street/Elizabeth.
4. 'No Entry' be placed at the Frederick Street driveway coming off the carpark at the corner of Fredrick Street/Elizabeth Street.
5. 'No Parking' be signposted around the dead end (turn around) area of Bastable Street as shown in Attachment 4.

DISCUSSION

Advice was provided to address concerns and questions raised by Cllr a Cruz:

- How vehicles egressing carpark will access Frederick Street following the installation of a 'Left Turn Only' sign in the Frederick Street/Elizabeth Street carpark: Council Officers advised that drivers wishing to turn right could easily turn left and detour around the surrounding streets or elect to use the Bastable Street carpark.
- Request for a high pedestrian activity 30km/h speed limit for the area: TfNSW advised that the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines currently only make provisions for 40km/h speed limits, which are provided for High Pedestrian Activity areas and Local Traffic areas, as well as school zones, where there is a need to protect vulnerable road users in accordance with the Guidelines. As such, TfNSW are not considering any additional 30km/h speed limits until such a time that the Guidelines recommend such speed limits. Council Officers also advised that Elizabeth Street (between

Frederick Street and Edwin Street North) has been included in Council's request to TfNSW for a 40km/h speed limit on local roads.

- What consultation was undertaken with schools/community/clubs/pool operations: Council Officers advised that the proposal was developed in consultation with the pool management and relevant project managers and that further notification of changes will be undertaken prior to implementation.
- Request for 'rear to kerb' parking in carparks: Council Officers advised that 'rear to kerb' parking restrictions are not common in carparks particularly where access to rear vehicle storage is desirable. The slow speed environment of carparks and limited vehicle movements allow both 'rear to kerb' and 'front to kerb' parking to occur safely. The pathways provided and safety concerns will be further reviewed during the Road Safety Audit process.
- Request to open the outdoor area of the creche to allow people to access the pool from the carpark: Council Officers advised this feedback can be passed onto the relevant project managers/pool managers. However, it was noted that the access gates to the outdoor space/creche are in place for emergency egress only and general access cannot be provided due to child protection requirements.

Clr da Cruz also raised concerns with the loss of landscaping outside the ACC and how that would affect temperatures in the outdoor area of the creche and noted that there is very little bicycle parking provided on site.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. Double barrier (BB) centrelines be extended from the pedestrian crossing in Elizabeth Street (east of Etonville Parade) all the way to the signalised intersection of Elizabeth Street and Frederick Street, Ashfield.
3. 'All Traffic Left' and 'No Right Turn' be introduced at the Elizabeth Street driveway coming off the car park at the corner Frederick Street/Elizabeth.
4. 'No Entry' be placed at the Frederick Street driveway coming off the carpark at the corner of Fredrick Street/Elizabeth Street.
5. 'No Parking' be signposted around the dead end (turn around) area of Bastable Street as shown in Attachment 4.

For motion: Unanimous

**LTC0421(1) Item 7 168 Norton Street (between Carlisle Street and Maccauley Street),
Leichhardt - Road Occupancy (Gulgadga - Leichhardt/ Balmain
Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from Growth Built Pty Ltd for approval of a temporary full road closure of Norton Street (in front of 168 Norton Street), between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 9:00pm Wednesday, 2 June to 5:00am Thursday, 3 June 2021 (with a contingency period of four weeks) for dismantling of a tower crane at 168 Norton Street, Leichhardt.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of Norton Street, between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 9:00pm Wednesday, 2 June 2021 to 5:00am Thursday, 3 June 2021 (with a contingency period of four weeks – only between Sundays and Wednesdays) be approved for dismantling of a tower crane 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, Transit Systems, STA, 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 Norton Street, between Carlisle Street and Macauley Street, Leichhardt from 9:00pm Wednesday, 2 June 2021 to 5:00am Thursday, 3 June 2021 (with a contingency period of four weeks – only between Sundays and Wednesdays) be approved for dismantling of a tower crane 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, Transit Systems, STA, 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

LTC0421(1) Item 8 Sydney Metro West, Power Enabling Works - Full Road Closures (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from Quickway Constructions for approval of temporary full road closures at various locations and stages in Rozelle, as part of the Sydney Metro West Power Enabling Works. This approval is for the overarching road closures as part of CTMP 1 (Manning Street to Darling Street), CTMP 2 (Darling Street), CTMP 3 (Merton St to Mullens Street) and CTMP 4 (Mullens St to The Bays Station).

The road closures start on 31 May 2021 and last road closures end on 9 January 2022 (with a contingency period of 2 weeks for all closures) for civil construction works, trenching, conduit installation, cable pulling, restorations and associated works.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the proposed temporary full road closures as part of the Sydney Metro West, Power Enabling Works in Rozelle from starting on 31 May 2021 to 9 January 2022 (with a contingency period of two weeks for each stage) be approved for civil construction works, trenching, conduit installation, cable pulling, restorations and associated works:

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, Transit Systems, STA, 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 TfNSW representative advised that the applicant should send the CTMP to TfNSW Sydney West Metro Network Integration team for review. The representative also advised that the ROLs and relevant approvals for closures of Darling Street, Victoria Road and any impact to traffic signals must be attained from the Transport Management Centre and not CJP.

The IWBC representative requested making allowances to cyclists to get through road closures including detour signage as the road works will affect a number of local bicycle routes. The new Australian Standards require that more attention be given to cycling through road works. Council Officers contacted Sydney Metro who advised that as the OCTMP is an over-arching, principles document, it does not contain the detail of how cyclists would be redirected. Sydney Metro stated that specific details addressing this concern will be provided in the CTMPs for each area, which will be provided to Council for review and approval.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed temporary full road closures as part of the Sydney Metro West, Power Enabling Works in Rozelle from starting on 31 May 2021 to 9 January 2022 (with a contingency period of two weeks for each stage) be approved for civil construction works, trenching, conduit installation, cable pulling, restorations and associated works:

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, Transit Systems, STA, 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

LTC0421(1) Item 9 Eaton Street, Balmain - Disabled Parking Zone (Baludarri - Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received requests to review the existing part-time 'Disabled Parking' zone in Eaton Street, Balmain to better service users of the space.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the existing part time 'Disabled Parking'/ 'P10min'/ '4P ticket' zone on the western side of Eaton Street, north of Darvall Street, Balmain, be converted to a full time 'Disabled Parking' zone.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the existing part time 'Disabled Parking'/ 'P10min'/ '4P ticket' zone on the western side of Eaton Street, north of Darvall Street, Balmain, be converted to a full time 'Disabled Parking' zone.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 10 South Avenue, Petersham - Extension of 'No Parking' restrictions due to width of roadway (Damun - Stanmore Ward/ Newtown Electorate/ Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

A resident of Searl Street, Petersham (with rear lane access on South Avenue) raised concerns of vehicular access into and out of South Avenue, Petersham when vehicles are legally parked in South Avenue, immediate west of existing 'No Parking' area alongside boundary of Property No. 2 South Avenue, Petersham.

Surrounding residents have been notified of the proposal to extend the current 'No Parking' restrictions an additional 5 metres west along the northern side of South Avenue to attempt to remove a squeeze point thus improve vehicular access into South Avenue.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the existing full-time 'No Parking' restrictions on the northern side of South Avenue, Petersham be extended 5 metres west, along the frontage of Property No. 2 South Avenue, Petersham.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the existing full-time 'No Parking' restrictions on the northern side of South Avenue, Petersham be extended 5 metres west, along the frontage of Property No. 2 South Avenue, Petersham.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 11 Edgeware Road, Newtown between Wells & Darley Street - Proposed extension of Permit Parking Area M14 (Damun - Stanmore Ward/ Newtown Electorate/ Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Following representations to Council, an extension of the existing M14 permit parking restrictions was proposed to achieve consistent parking management in the area. The proposal was distributed to residents along Edgeware Road, Newtown between Wells Street and Darley Street for comment. Currently, M14 permit parking restrictions exist on Darley Street, Wells Street, Lord Street and Edgeware Road between Darley Street and Lord Street.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the '2P 8am – 10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M14' parking restrictions in Wells Street and Darley Street be extended to the eastern side of Edgeware Road, Newtown between Wells Street and Darley Street to be consistent with the adjoining streets.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the '2P 8am – 10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M14' parking restrictions in Wells Street and Darley Street be extended to the eastern side of Edgeware Road, Newtown between Wells Street and Darley Street to be consistent with the adjoining streets.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 12 Piper Street and White Street, Lilyfield - Proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has received concerns from residents regarding vehicles obstructing sight lines and manoeuvring space by parking too close to the intersection of Piper Street and White Street, Lilyfield. An investigation has now been completed and is presented in this report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the following statutory restrictions be signposted:

1. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the western side of White Street, north of Piper Street;
2. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the northern side of Piper Street, west of White Street.
3. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the northern side of Piper Street, east of White Street.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following statutory restrictions be signposted:

1. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the western side of White Street, north of Piper Street;
2. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the northern side of Piper Street, west of White Street.
3. 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the northern side of Piper Street, east of White Street.

For motion: Unanimous

**LTC0421(1) Item 13 Proposed Landscaping Works - Railway Parade, Annandale
(Baludarri-Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

SUMMARY

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are proposing to convert ten (10) existing parking spaces on the grassed area of Railway Parade, Annandale (opposite to properties between No.70-72 and No.62 Railway Parade) into a landscaped area. Existing parking restrictions at this location are 'No Parking 7am-7pm vehicles under 4.5t GVM excepted' and it is proposed to be changed to 'No Parking' restrictions as part of this initiative to plant trees to allow for a visual screening to the new Whites Creek Link bridge. Consultation undertaken indicated strong support for the removal of parking.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the existing ten (10) angle parking spaces on the northern side of Railway Parade between Whites Creek and Railway Parade (opposite properties between No.70-72 and No.62 Railway Parade) be converted from 'No Parking 7am-7pm vehicles under 4.5t GVM excepted' to 'No Parking' restrictions.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the existing ten (10) angle parking spaces on the northern side of Railway Parade between Whites Creek and Railway Parade (opposite properties between No.70-72 and No.62 Railway Parade) be converted from 'No Parking 7am-7pm vehicles under 4.5t GVM excepted' to 'No Parking' restrictions.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0421(1) Item 14 Draft Car Share Policy (All Wards / All Electorates / All PACs)

SUMMARY

At its meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021, Council endorsed the public exhibition of a proposed Car Share policy for the Inner West. The draft Policy is now available for comment via Council's website.

The policy outlines procedures and criteria for assessing new applications for car share parking on public streets or in council car parks. Consultation with car share companies, relevant staff and some community has been carried out throughout development of the draft policy.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT this report be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received and noted.

For motion: Unanimous

General Business

LTC0421 Item 15 Parking and traffic management in The Boulevarde, Dulwich Hill

A resident of The Boulevarde has requested, through Cllr Macri, for:

- 2P Resident Parking to be investigated again for The Boulevard, between Eltham Street and Piggott Street, due to parking being utilised by staff and students from Christian Brothers High School;
- centre road lines marked on The Boulevarde to prevent drivers travelling on the wrong side of the road when manoeuvring through the curves in the road; and
- installation of traffic calming devices on The Boulevarde to prevent speeding.

Council Officers will investigate these requests.

LTC0421 Item 16 Request for 'No Stopping' or 'No Parking' signage on Arthur Street, Marrickville

A request has been received from a resident of Livingstone Road, through Cllr Macri, for 'No Stopping' or 'No Parking' signage to be installed on Arthur Street at the corner of the unnamed laneway. The resident stated that vehicles park illegally and encroach the entry of the unnamed laneway from Arthur Street, limiting sightlines for drivers entering and exiting the laneway and requiring numerous reversing manoeuvres to enter the laneway to access garages. Council Officers will investigate this request.

LTC0421 Item 17 Traffic management in Styles Street, Leichhardt

A resident of Styles Street, Leichhardt, has raised concern about pollution and noise levels caused by increased general traffic and heavy vehicles in the street. The resident has requested, through Cllr da Cruz, that traffic management in Styles Street be investigated.

LTC0421 Item 18 Resurfacing of Lilyfield Road, Lilyfield

The IWBC representative requested that Lilyfield Road be resurfaced, particularly the section east of Catherine Street. This matter was raised about a year ago after WestConnex works for the Rozelle Interchange was completed on the road, however action has not yet been taken. Council Officers will pass this request onto the appropriate authority.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 3

Subject: REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

Prepared By: Katherine Paixao - Acting Governance Manager

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the report;
2. Receives a report on the operation of the meeting cycle at its July 2021 meeting.

DISCUSSION

At the 8 December 2020 Council meeting, it was resolved in part:
THAT Council:

3. *Receives a report on the operation of the new meeting cycle at its May meeting.*

This motion was resolved in December 2020 as Council has traditionally held Ordinary meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except for January, July and December. So far in 2021, Council has held 3 Ordinary (plus one adjourned meeting) and 3 Extraordinary Council meetings. All 3 Extraordinary Council meetings dealt with matters that were of an urgent nature that needed to be dealt with outside the normal meeting schedule for an Ordinary meeting.

Council meeting type	Date	Reason
Ordinary	9 February 2021	
Extraordinary	23 February 2021	Harmonisation of Rates
Extraordinary	1 March 2021	Harmonisation of Rates
Ordinary	9 March 2021	
Extraordinary	30 March 2021	Recruitment of Permanent General Manager
Ordinary	13 April 2021	
Ordinary (adjourned)	20 April 2021	Continuation of Ordinary Meeting of 13 April 2021

Council officers recommend that the current meeting schedule of one Ordinary Council meeting per month continue as this will allow a further review of the meeting schedule to be considered by Council in July 2021. The adopted Council meeting schedule for 2021 can be viewed in Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [2021 Adopted Council meeting schedule](#)



2021 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates	
Meeting Date	Location
Council Meetings <i>(meetings commence at 6:30pm unless otherwise advised)</i>	
Tuesday, 9 February 2021	TBA
Tuesday, 9 March 2021	TBA
Tuesday, 13 April 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 11 May 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 8 June 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 20 July 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 10 August 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 21 September 2021 (Mayor and Deputy Mayor Election)	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 12 October 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 9 November 2021	Ashfield Service Centre
Tuesday, 7 December 2021	Ashfield Service Centre

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Item No: C0521(2) Item 4

Subject: GREENWAY PROJECT DELIVERY AND ENGAGEMENT

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

Prepared By: Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Mayor send a letter to each of the Greenway Steering Committee members thanking them for their commitment and contributions to the Greenway project.
 2. Council note the community engagement which will be undertaken for the delivery of the Greenway project into the future.
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DISCUSSION

At the meeting on the 9 March 2021, Council resolved to receive a report on the Greenway Steering Committee and a dedicated Greenway Officer.

The Greenway is an integrated ecological and active transport route that follows the light rail line from the Cooks River to Iron Cove. It provides a variety of recreation opportunities and incorporates local places for culture and art.

Greenway Inception and Planning

The Greenway has been evolving over the last twenty plus years and had its genesis in the 1990s. At this time, local environmental advocates began working on bushcare sites within the rail corridor and conceptualised the idea of an off-road trail for walking and riding within the rail corridor, plus a wildlife corridor connecting the two important waterways, the Cooks River and the Iron Cove.

At its conception, the Greenway spanned four Councils, Ashfield, Canterbury, Leichhardt and Marrickville. In 2002, the Councils agreed in principle to support the Greenway Vision.

During the inception and planning, the Greenway Steering Committee was an important community group which spanned the then four participating Councils. The Steering Committee was formed to develop the concept of the Greenway. The Steering Committee was able to effectively partner with the Councils and had fantastic success at achieving some initial funding including a Metropolitan Greenway Program to create a coordination strategy. Then in 2010, the Greenway Urban Sustainability Project was funded by \$1.8m from the NSW Environmental Trust grant for a three year period.

It is important at this time to acknowledge the enormous contribution of this Steering Committee to date.

Greenway Delivery

The amalgamated Inner West Council now covers the great majority of the Greenway project. Only a small section is within the City of Canterbury Bankstown LGA. Further, Council has now entered a new phase of the Greenway project, that is, the delivery phase. \$25.7 million in state and local government funding has now been secured to complete the high priority components of the Greenway. The needs of the project have now evolved.

The key achievements from the delivery phase of the Greenway include the following:

- Securing \$25.7m in funding.
- Development of a Greenway Masterplan in 2018.
- Development of Greenway Concept Plans in 2019 / 2020.
- Delivery of the Richard Murden Reserve Path and Lighting Upgrade in 2020, including a new 3.5m wide shared path between Marion Street and the City West Link.
- Delivery of the Lang Road Pedestrian Bridge over the Cooks River in 2020 by the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council.
- On road works are underway in local streets to create safer connections along the route. We expect these to be completed in June 2021.
- Construction on the Dobroyd Seawall has commenced, and we anticipate works will be completed in July 2021.
- Development and public exhibition of the Review of Environmental Factors for works in the light rail corridor.
- In principle agreement from Sydney Water for works in the light rail corridor.
- Council is currently liaising with TfNSW and Sydney Metro regarding licencing and ownership of works in the rail corridor.
- The EOI for potential contractors for the in-corridor works has been completed and contractors have been shortlisted.
- The sale of 43 Hercules Street, Dulwich Hill has been settled.
- Detailed designs for the High Voltage Electricity works have been submitted to Sydney Trains for approval, with construction anticipated from late 2021.
- Detailed designs for the Bay Run and the Lilyfield Road Bridge are underway, with construction anticipated from early 2022.
- Development of a draft public art strategy for the Greenway, which sets out the proposed locations, form and themes of artwork.

Engagement During the Delivery Stage

The Greenway is just one project within Council's business as usual delivery of the capital works program. There are no other dedicated Committees for the other substantial infrastructure projects that Council is delivering, e.g. the Parramatta Road Urban Area Improvement Program.

The Greenway Steering Committee is a community group rather than a committee of Council. It is suggested that the Greenway Steering Committee continue as a community group without representation from Council. A similar example would be the Friends of Callan Park. Council will continue to engage with the Greenway Steering Committee, as with other relevant stakeholders, as required through the delivery of the project.

Broad community engagement was undertaken on the Greenway through the Masterplan and Concept Design processes. This engagement incorporated community drop-in sessions, stakeholder workshops, community newsletters, a web-based survey on Council's Your Say Inner West. Council also had a social pinpoint site which contained an interactive map of the masterplan. The draft Masterplan attracted 3,269 visitors to the website and around 700 responses were provided through all of the engagement platforms including 206 responses through the Your Say website and 480 written response through the social pinpoint interactive map.

Council's adopted Community Engagement Framework, outlines that "the community is everyone who lives, works, plays, studies, conducts business, owns property, visits or uses the services, facilities and public spaces of the Inner West." The Greenway covers a large geographic area and encompasses multiple objectives including active transport, ecology, recreation and art. As such, the community relevant to the Greenway is broad in nature and they cover many different areas of interest. One of the principles outlined in the Framework is one of inclusion, "As many relevant people as possible, who have an interest in or will be affected by a decision, are identified and invited to participate. This is to avoid interest group capture or single issue hijack." Council will continue to engage with all stakeholders on the Greenway project through a variety of methodologies, including the following:

- Ongoing web-based engagement and surveys on Council's "Your Say Inner West".
- Regular newsletter updates to the community, distributed to the 12,000 properties within 400m of the Greenway.
- Community stakeholder engagement and workshop sessions, to discuss specific local issues, where needed.
- Notification letters to residents immediately impacted by upcoming construction works.
- Council also has ongoing engagement with the community through a wide range of advisory committees including our Bicycle working group, Transport Advisory Committee, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. Members of these are engaged around a range of Greenway initiatives and activations at relevant times.
- Council is in the process of integrating content from the Greenway website to Council's corporate site and will continue to promote and highlight Greenway delivery and activations through our corporate communication channels
- Greenway activations and initiatives are integrated across Council's teams. For example Council hosted Edge 2021: Art camp on the Greenway from 16 April – 9 May which activated the place for 24 days with diverse art projects

Staff Resources

Council currently has the following resources allocated to the Greenway project:

- Project Manager Greenway Delivery
- Greenway Project Engineer
- Greenway Engagement Officer

All of the above positions are funded by capitalising their time to the project.

The Project Manager Greenway Delivery position is filled. The other two positions are currently vacant.

The purpose of the Greenway Engagement Officer is to coordinate communications with the community and stakeholders including state agencies in the lead up to and during construction. This Greenway Engagement Officer will be primarily responsible to undertake the community engagement as outlined above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The staff resources outlined above are funded by capitalising their time to the project.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 5

Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

Prepared By: Daryl Jackson - Chief Financial Officer

Authorised By: Elizabeth Richardson - Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation

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 \$230.2m. 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 return of 1.30%, above the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark (0.11%).

Changes in the value of our portfolio was \$10.7m due to the maturity of an investment and investing in investments with good interest rates –

- Matured Investment
 - Heritage Bank \$5.8m
- Investments
 - Newcastle Permanent Building Society \$10.0m
 - Westpac Group (Green TD) \$4.0m
 - Members Equity Bank \$2.5m

The attachments to this report summarise all investments held by Council and interest returns for periods ending 31 March 2021.

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 March 2021 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	9,600,000	9,600,000
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
Members Equity Bank	11,068,344	8,565,434
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	11,700,000	1,700,000
Suncorp Bank	18,150,000	18,150,000
Suncorp Bank (Covered)	5,500,000	5,500,000
Teachers Mutual Bank	4,000,000	4,000,000
	63,534,865	56,831,955
	28%	26%
Socially Responsible Investments		
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	6,000,000	6,000,000
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000	18,200,000
CBA (Green TD)	78,000,000	78,000,000
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000	7,444,000
National Housing Finance Investment Corp (Social)	1,500,000	1,500,000
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Westpac Group (Green TD)	50,500,000	46,500,000
	166,644,000	162,644,000
	72%	74%
	230,178,865	219,475,955

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

EXTERNAL / INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS

	March 21
External Restrictions	103,727,769
Internal Restrictions	126,451,096
Total	230,178,865

ATTACHMENTS

1. [IWC Investment Report - March 2021](#)
2. [IWC Economic & Investment Portfolio Commentary March 2021](#)

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Investment Summary Report March 2021

Inner West Council Executive Summary - March 2021

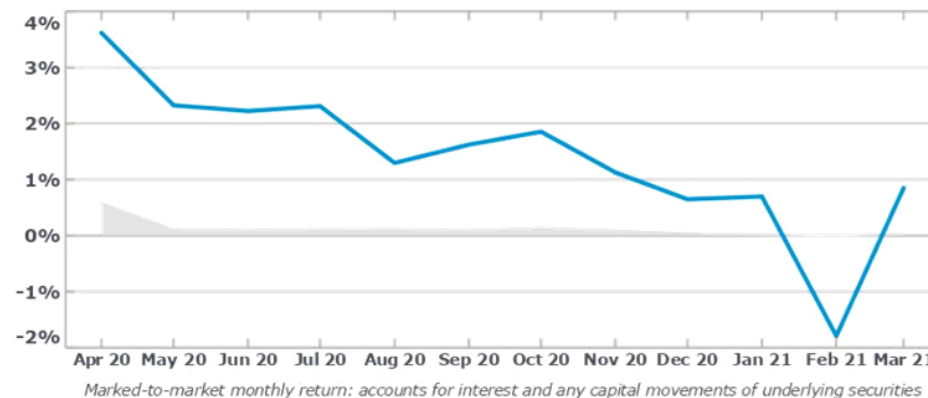


Investment Holdings

By Product	Face Value (\$)	Current Value (\$)	Current Yield (%)
Bonds	33,944,000.00	35,445,102.28	3.1367
Cash	8,568,343.77	8,568,343.77	0.4000
Floating Rate Note	55,150,000.00	55,566,699.25	0.8662
Mortgage Backed Security	1,516,520.95	1,089,094.41	0.6605
Term Deposit	131,000,000.00	131,322,403.29	0.7899
	230,178,864.72	231,991,643.00	1.1389

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

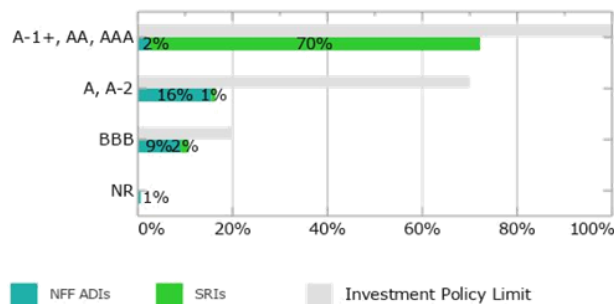
Monthly Portfolio Return (%pa) based on Current Market Value of Securities



Portfolio Annualised Return AusBond BB Index Annualised Return

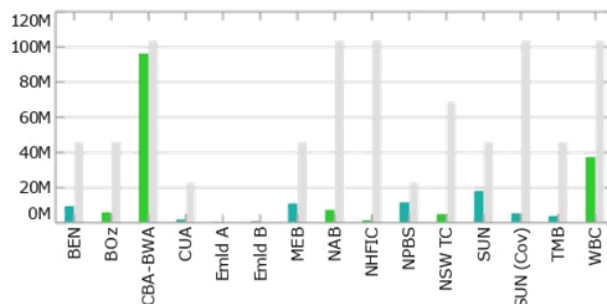
Investment Policy Compliance sorted by Socially Responsible Investments (SRIs) and non-Fossil Fuel (NFF) banks

Total Credit Exposure



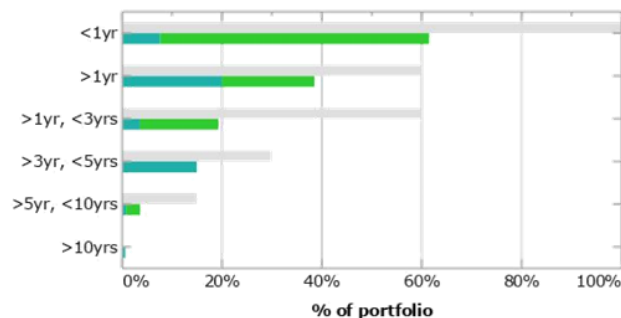
Holdings in each credit rating category vs policy limits

Individual Exposures



Holdings per bank / product provider vs policy limits

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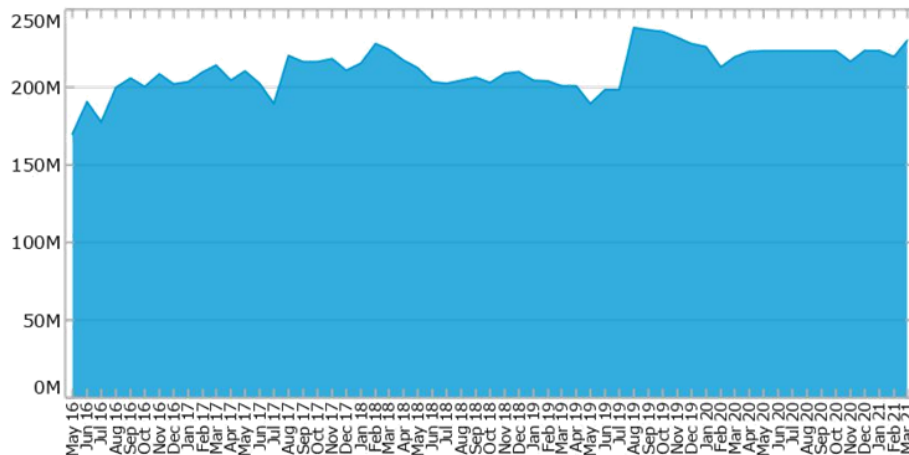


Current maturity profile of all holdings vs policy limits

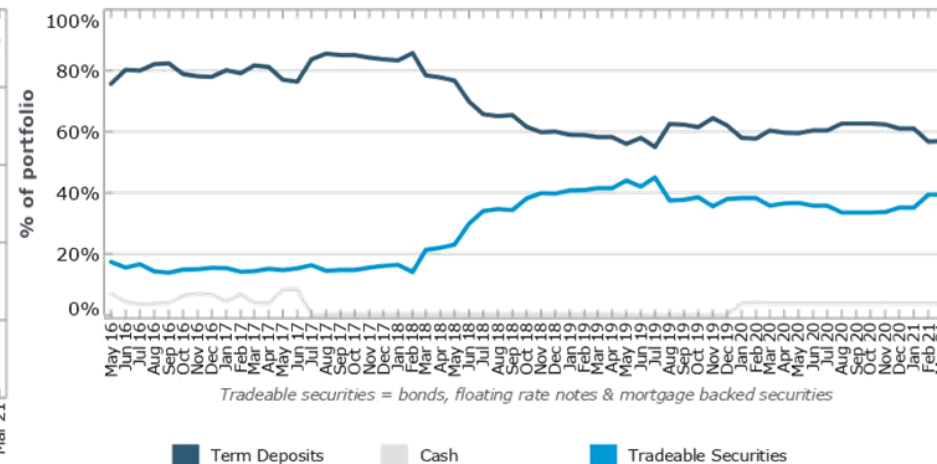
Inner West Council Historical Graphs - March 2021



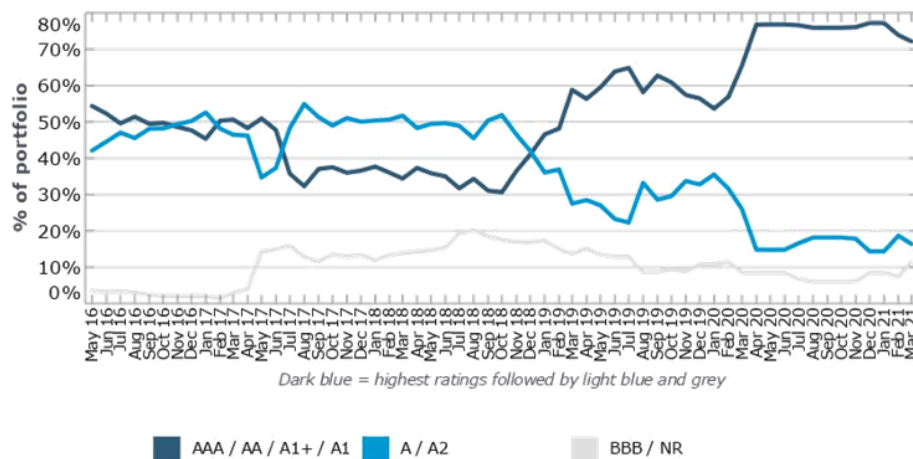
Month end investment balances since amalgamation



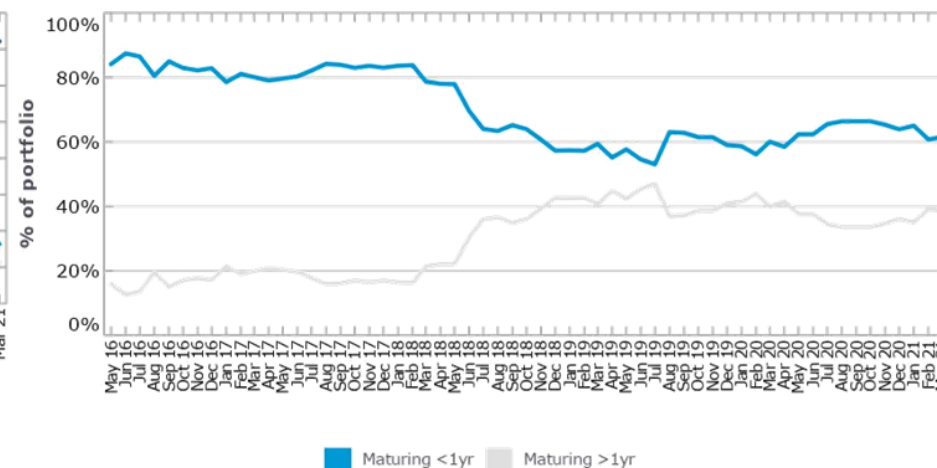
Composition of portfolio by asset type



Composition of portfolio by credit rating categories



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



Inner West Council Investment Holdings Report - March 2021



Cash Accounts

Face Value (\$)	Current Yield	Institution	Credit Rating	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Reference
8,568,343.77	0.4000%	ME Bank	A-2	8,568,343.77	539404	
8,568,343.77	0.4000%			8,568,343.77		

Term Deposits

Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Rate	Institution	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Coupon Frequency	Reference
27-Apr-21	20,000,000.00	0.8100%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	20,000,000.00	29-Apr-20	20,149,572.60	539647	149,572.60	At Maturity	Green
21-May-21	9,000,000.00	1.4100%	Westpac Group	A-1+	9,000,000.00	21-Nov-19	9,013,211.51	538748	13,211.51	Quarterly	Green
15-Jun-21	20,000,000.00	0.6700%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	20,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	20,078,197.26	540164	78,197.26	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
30-Aug-21	4,000,000.00	0.3900%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	4,001,453.15	540980	1,453.15	At Maturity	Green
28-Sep-21	10,000,000.00	0.7000%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	10,035,095.89	540345	35,095.89	At Maturity	Green
27-Oct-21	7,500,000.00	0.5400%	Westpac Group	A-1+	7,500,000.00	30-Oct-20	7,506,879.45	540480	6,879.45	Quarterly	Green
29-Nov-21	4,000,000.00	0.4300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	4,001,602.19	540981	1,602.19	At Maturity	Green
24-Dec-21	13,000,000.00	0.4500%	Westpac Group	A-1+	13,000,000.00	24-Dec-20	13,001,282.19	540753	1,282.19	Quarterly	Green
25-Jan-22	20,000,000.00	0.4300%	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	20,000,000.00	29-Jan-21	20,014,608.22	540914	14,608.22	At Maturity	Green
29-Mar-22	2,500,000.00	0.5000%	ME Bank	A-2	2,500,000.00	26-Mar-21	2,500,205.48	541224	205.48	At Maturity	
29-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	0.3600%	Westpac Group	A-1+	4,000,000.00	31-Mar-21	4,000,039.45	541236	39.45	Quarterly	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
131,000,000.00	0.7899%				131,000,000.00		131,322,403.29		322,403.29		

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 Date	Reference
2-Jul-21	4,000,000.00	1.3800%	TMB Snr FRN (Jul21) BBSW+1.37%	A-2	4,000,000.00	2-Jul-18	4,024,637.26	536788	13,157.26	6-Apr-21	

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Maturity Date	Face Value (\$)	Current Coupon	Security Name	Credit Rating	Purchase Price (\$)	Purchase Date	Current Value (\$)	Deal No.	Accrued Interest (\$)	Next Coupon Reference Date
30-Aug-21	2,000,000.00	1.3300%	BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Aug21) BBSW+1.30%	A-2	2,000,000.00	30-Aug-18	2,009,657.81	536986	2,477.81	31-May-21
19-Jan-22	2,500,000.00	1.0219%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	A-2	2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	2,521,564.51	537202	5,039.51	19-Apr-21
16-Aug-22	1,000,000.00	0.9803%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	1,011,481.73	535607	1,181.73	17-May-21
16-Aug-22	4,000,000.00	0.9803%	SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	A+	4,037,600.00	31-Oct-18	4,045,926.93	537263	4,726.93	17-May-21
2-Dec-22	4,000,000.00	0.9300%	BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	BBB	4,000,000.00	2-Dec-19	4,012,897.53	538824	3,057.53	2-Jun-21
25-Jan-23	1,500,000.00	1.0603%	BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	BBB+	1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	1,522,825.88	536141	2,875.88	27-Apr-21
6-Feb-23	1,700,000.00	1.4098%	NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	BBB	1,700,000.00	6-Feb-18	1,729,152.42	536175	3,414.42	6-May-21
30-Jul-24	6,000,000.00	0.7900%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	6,083,051.51	538330	8,051.51	30-Apr-21
30-Jul-24	750,000.00	0.7900%	SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	A+	749,182.50	1-Oct-19	760,381.44	538563	1,006.44	30-Apr-21
24-Oct-24	2,000,000.00	1.1303%	CUA Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	BBB	2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	2,039,867.66	538603	4,087.66	26-Apr-21
24-Apr-25	3,700,000.00	1.1303%	SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	AAA	3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	3,811,495.17	539640	7,562.17	26-Apr-21
2-Dec-25	5,600,000.00	0.5500%	BEN Snr FRN (Dec25) BBSW+0.52%	BBB+	5,600,000.00	2-Dec-20	5,594,859.51	540602	2,531.51	2-Jun-21
24-Feb-26	6,400,000.00	0.4602%	SUN Snr FRN (Feb26) BBSW+0.45%	A+	6,400,000.00	24-Feb-21	6,393,816.93	540964	2,904.93	24-May-21
4-Mar-26	10,000,000.00	0.6626%	NPBS Snr FRN (Mar26) BBSW+0.63%	BBB	10,000,000.00	4-Mar-21	10,005,082.96	540984	5,082.96	4-Jun-21
55,150,000.00		0.8662%			55,186,782.50		55,566,699.25		67,158.25	

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%	A-1+	3,502,479.12	26-Jun-18	3,545,310.50	536771	2,433.26	3.0000%	
24-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	A-1+	4,066,280.00	1-Nov-18	4,117,666.09	537279	2,826.09	2.8400%	
31-Mar-22	10,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	A-1+	10,088,200.00	28-Mar-18	10,292,687.98	536469	887.98	3.0348%	
31-Mar-22	1,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	A-1+	1,111,198.00	22-May-18	1,132,195.68	536652	97.68	3.1115%	
31-Mar-22	3,100,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	A-1+	3,143,462.00	13-Jun-18	3,190,733.27	536721	275.27	3.0592%	
31-Mar-22	4,000,000.00	3.2500%	CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	A-1+	4,083,240.00	31-Jul-18	4,117,075.19	536896	355.19	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	1,422,540.66	539692	4,201.66	1.7000%	
24-Aug-26	500,000.00	3.2500%	SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	AAA	549,310.00	5-May-20	547,131.02	539728	1,616.02	1.7000%	
15-Nov-28	5,000,000.00	3.0000%	NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	AA+	5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	5,613,843.96	537310	56,043.96	3.2350%	
27-May-30	1,500,000.00	1.5200%	NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (May30) 1.52%	AAA	1,540,140.00	10-Feb-21	1,465,917.93	540932	7,872.93	1.2500%	
33,944,000.00					34,512,190.12		35,445,102.27		76,610.03	2.8877%	

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	0.4627%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006A)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	408,300.37	310321	248.82		
21-Aug-56	1,000,000.00	0.7627%	Emerald Reverse Mortgage (2006B)	NR	1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	680,794.04	310334	794.04		
1,516,520.95					2,000,000.00		1,089,094.41		1,042.86		

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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	31	9,544.83	3.26%
NAB 'Social' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	537279		4,000,000.00	01-Nov-18	24-Mar-22	65,000.00	31	11,085.76	3.26%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536469		10,000,000.00	29-Mar-18	31-Mar-22	162,500.00	31	27,673.69	3.26%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536652		1,100,000.00	24-May-18	31-Mar-22	17,875.00	31	3,044.11	3.26%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536721		3,100,000.00	13-Jun-18	31-Mar-22	50,375.00	31	8,578.84	3.26%
CBA 'Climate' Snr Bond (Mar22) 3.25%	536896		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-18	31-Mar-22	65,000.00	31	11,069.48	3.26%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539692		1,300,000.00	30-Apr-20	24-Aug-26		31	3,618.10	3.28%
SUN Cov Bond (Aug26) 3.25%	539728		500,000.00	05-May-20	24-Aug-26		31	1,391.57	3.28%
NSWTC 'Green' Snr Bond (Nov28) 3.00%	537310		5,000,000.00	15-Nov-18	15-Nov-28		31	12,774.73	3.01%
NHFIC 'Social' Snr Bond (May30) 1.52%	540932		1,500,000.00	10-Feb-21	27-May-30		31	1,952.48	1.53%
Bonds Total						416,715.00		90,733.59	3.15%
Cash									
ME Bank	539404		8,568,343.77			2,627.52	31	2,909.93	.40%
Cash Total						2,627.52		2,909.93	.40%
Floating Rate Note									
HBS Snr FRN (Mar21) BBSW+1.23%	536454		5,800,000.00	29-Mar-18	29-Mar-21	17,876.71	28	5,561.64	1.25%
TMB Snr FRN (Jul21) BBSW+1.37%	536788		4,000,000.00	02-Jul-18	02-Jul-21		31	4,688.22	1.38%
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Aug21) BBSW+1.30%	536986		2,000,000.00	30-Aug-18	30-Aug-21		31	2,259.18	1.33%
BEN Snr FRN (Jan22) BBSW+1.01%	537202		2,500,000.00	19-Oct-18	19-Jan-22		31	2,169.79	1.02%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	535607		1,000,000.00	16-Aug-17	16-Aug-22		31	832.58	.98%
SUN Snr FRN (Aug22) BBSW+0.97%	537263		4,000,000.00	31-Oct-18	16-Aug-22		31	3,330.34	.98%
BOz 'SRI' Snr FRN (Dec22) BBSW+0.90%	538824		4,000,000.00	02-Dec-19	02-Dec-22	9,058.19	31	3,158.17	.93%

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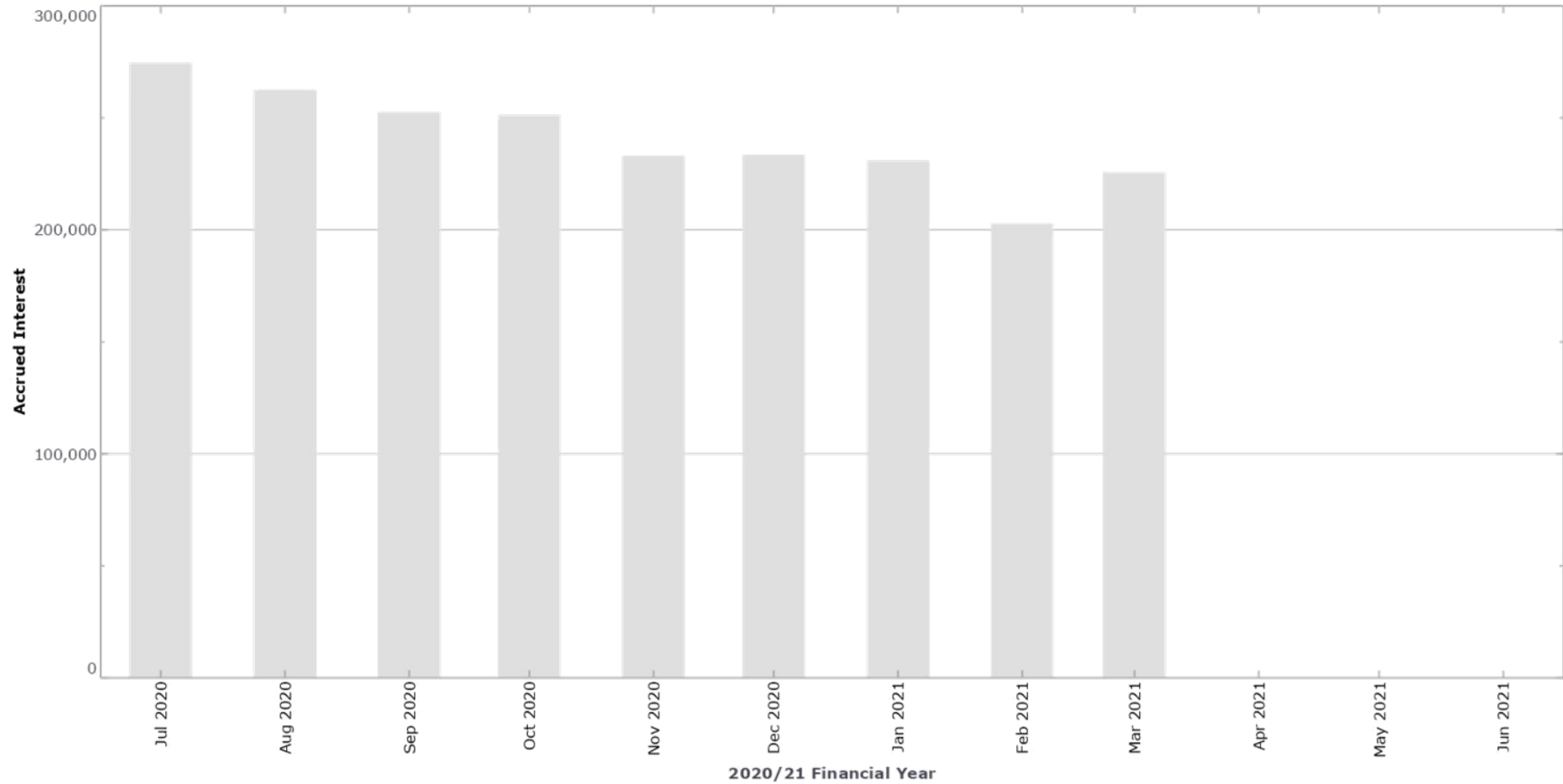
Accrued Interest Report									
Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
BEN Snr FRN (Jan23) BBSW+1.05%	536141		1,500,000.00	25-Jan-18	25-Jan-23		31	1,350.79	1.06%
NPBS Snr FRN (Feb23) BBSW+1.40%	536175		1,700,000.00	06-Feb-18	06-Feb-23		31	2,035.52	1.41%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538330		6,000,000.00	30-Jul-19	30-Jul-24		31	4,025.76	.79%
SUN Snr FRN (Jul24) BBSW+0.78%	538563		750,000.00	01-Oct-19	30-Jul-24		31	503.22	.79%
CUA Snr FRN (Oct24) BBSW+1.12%	538603		2,000,000.00	24-Oct-19	24-Oct-24		31	1,919.96	1.13%
SUN Cov FRN (Apr25) BBSW+1.12%	539640		3,700,000.00	27-Apr-20	24-Apr-25		31	3,551.93	1.13%
BEN Snr FRN (Dec25) BBSW+0.52%	540602		5,600,000.00	02-Dec-20	02-Dec-25	7,434.35	31	2,614.12	.55%
SUN Snr FRN (Feb26) BBSW+0.45%	540964		6,400,000.00	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-26		31	2,501.47	.46%
NPBS Snr FRN (Mar26) BBSW+0.63%	540984		10,000,000.00	04-Mar-21	04-Mar-26		28	5,082.96	.66%
Floating Rate Note Total						34,369.25		45,585.65	.90%
<u>Mortgage Backed Securities</u>									
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class A (BBSW+0.45%)	310321		516,520.95	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-51		31	202.99	.46%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Series 2006-1 Class B (BBSW+0.75%)	310334		1,000,000.00	17-Jul-06	21-Aug-56		31	647.77	.76%
Mortgage Backed Securities Total								850.76	.66%
<u>Term Deposits</u>									
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	539647		20,000,000.00	29-Apr-20	27-Apr-21		31	13,758.90	.81%
Westpac Group	538748		9,000,000.00	21-Nov-19	21-May-21		31	10,777.81	1.41%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540164		20,000,000.00	31-Aug-20	15-Jun-21		31	11,380.82	.67%
Westpac Group	538346		3,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	26-Jul-21		31	4,025.76	1.58%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540980		4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	30-Aug-21		31	1,324.93	.39%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540345		10,000,000.00	30-Sep-20	28-Sep-21		31	5,945.21	.70%
Westpac Group	540480		7,500,000.00	30-Oct-20	27-Oct-21		31	3,439.72	.54%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540981		4,000,000.00	26-Feb-21	29-Nov-21		31	1,460.82	.43%

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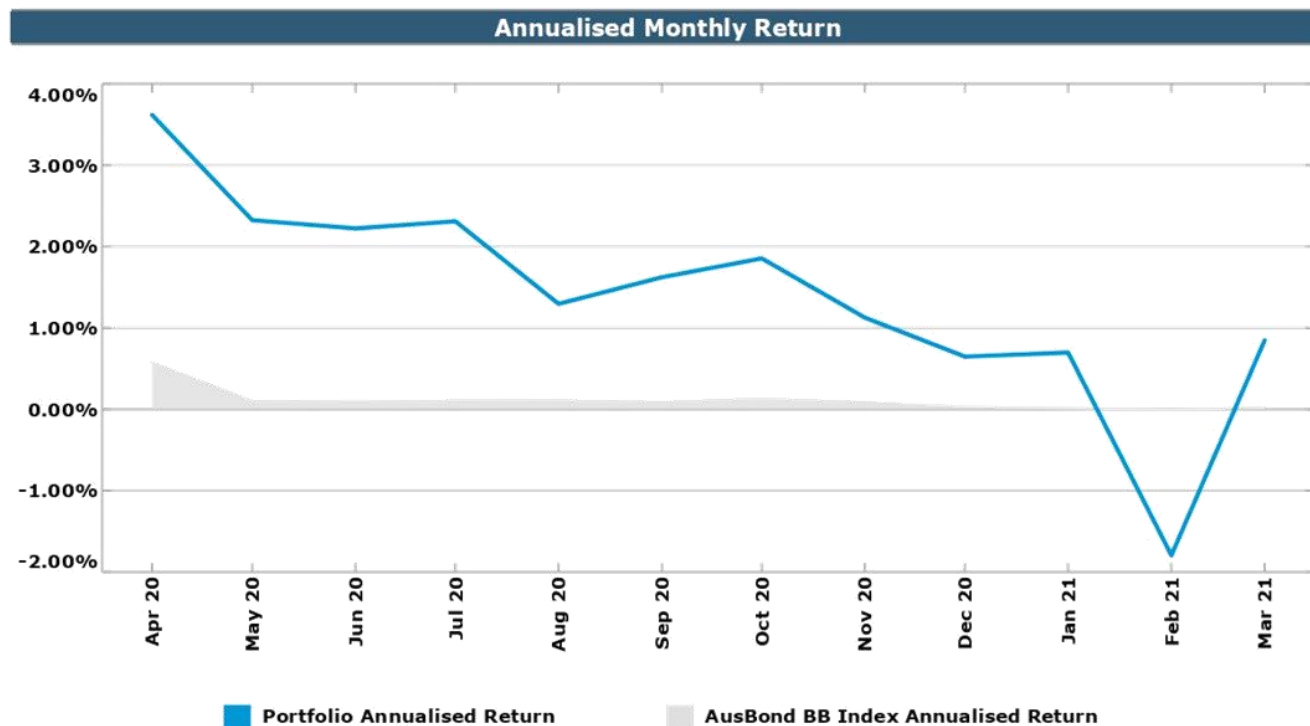
Accrued Interest Report									
Investment	Deal No.	Ref	Face Value (\$)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Interest Received (\$)	Days	Interest Accrued (\$)	Percentage Return
Westpac Group	540753		13,000,000.00	24-Dec-20	24-Dec-21	14,424.66	31	4,968.49	.45%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	540914		20,000,000.00	29-Jan-21	25-Jan-22		31	7,304.11	.43%
ME Bank	541224		2,500,000.00	26-Mar-21	29-Mar-22		6	205.48	.50%
Westpac Group	541236		4,000,000.00	31-Mar-21	29-Mar-22		1	39.45	.36%
Westpac Group	538091		10,000,000.00	28-Jun-19	28-Jun-22	46,109.59	31	15,882.20	1.87%
Westpac Group	538347		4,000,000.00	31-Jul-19	25-Jul-22		31	5,333.70	1.57%
Term Deposits Total						60,534.25		85,847.40	.81%
						514,246.02		225,927.33	<u>1.16%</u>

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Historical Performance Summary

	Portfolio	AusBond BB Index	Outperformance
Mar 2021	0.85%	0.02%	0.83%
Last 3 Months	-0.03%	0.01%	-0.04%
Last 6 Months	0.59%	0.05%	0.54%
Financial Year to Date	0.98%	0.07%	0.91%
Last 12 months	1.41%	0.11%	1.30%

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Environmental Commitments Report - March 2021

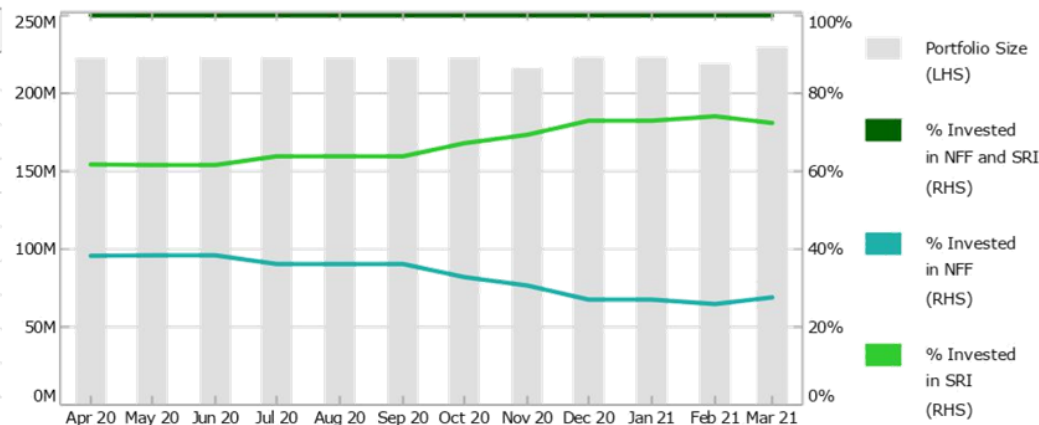


Current Breakdown

ADI Lending Status *	Current Month (\$)	Previous Month (\$)
Non Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs		
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	9,600,000	9,600,000
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
Members Equity Bank	11,068,344	8,565,434
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	11,700,000	1,700,000
Suncorp Bank	18,150,000	18,150,000
Suncorp Bank (Covered)	5,500,000	5,500,000
Teachers Mutual Bank	4,000,000	4,000,000
	63,534,865	56,831,955
	28%	26%
Socially Responsible Investments		
Bank Australia (Sustainability)	6,000,000	6,000,000
CBA (Climate)	18,200,000	18,200,000
CBA (Green TD)	78,000,000	78,000,000
National Australia Bank (Social)	7,444,000	7,444,000
National Housing Finance Investment Corp (Social)	1,500,000	1,500,000
NSW T-Corp (Green)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Westpac Group (Green TD)	50,500,000	46,500,000
	166,644,000	162,644,000
	72%	74%
	230,178,865	219,475,955

* 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 Housing Finance Investment Corp (Social)	No poverty, sustainable cities and communities **
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 ***

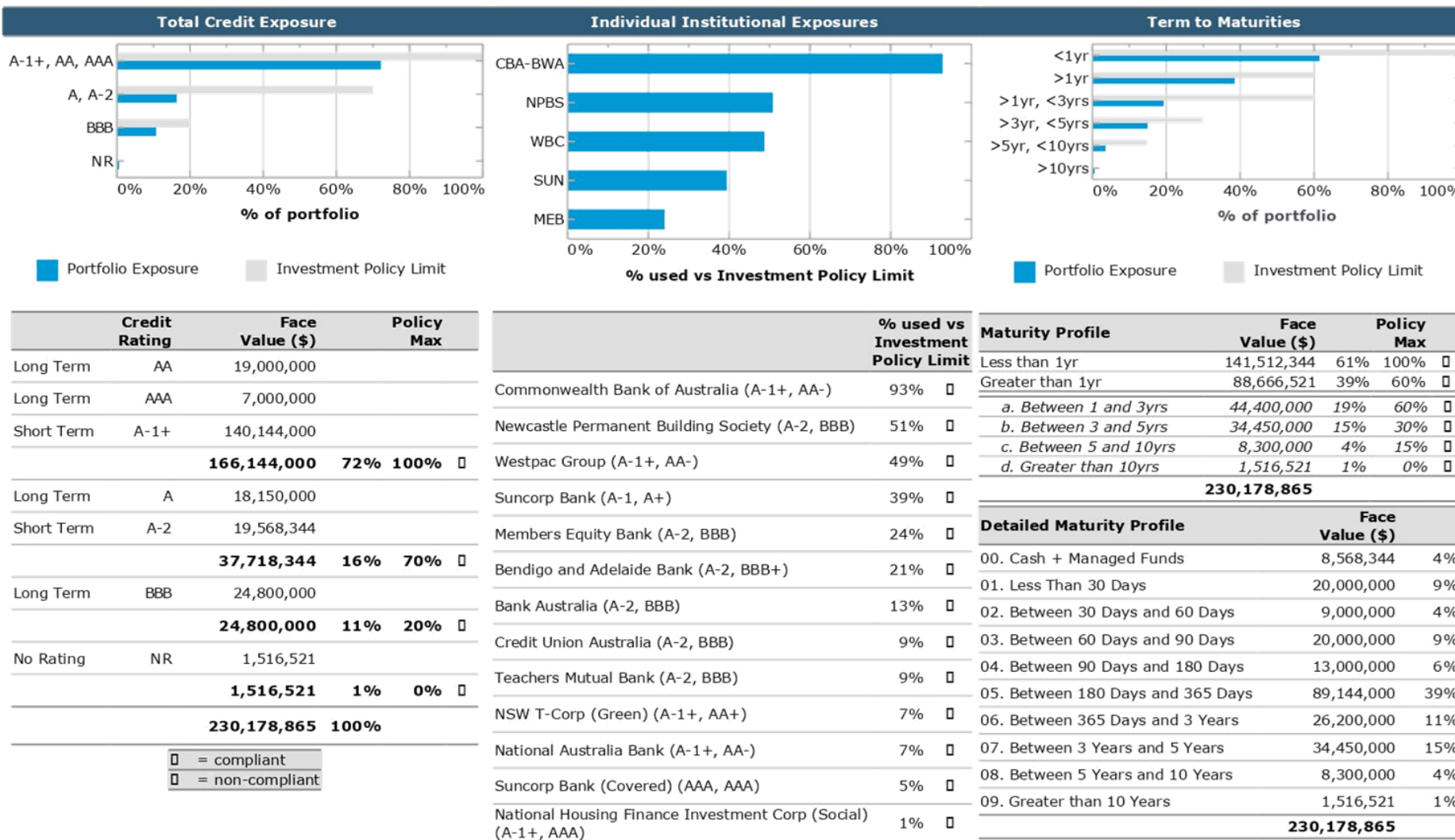
** United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

*** Climate Bonds Standard

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

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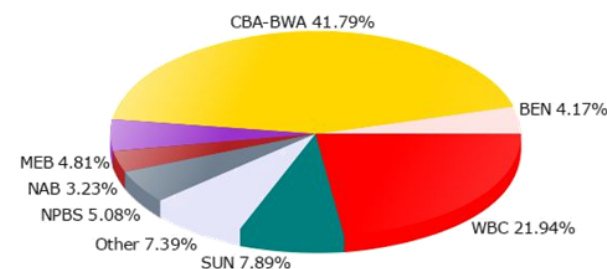
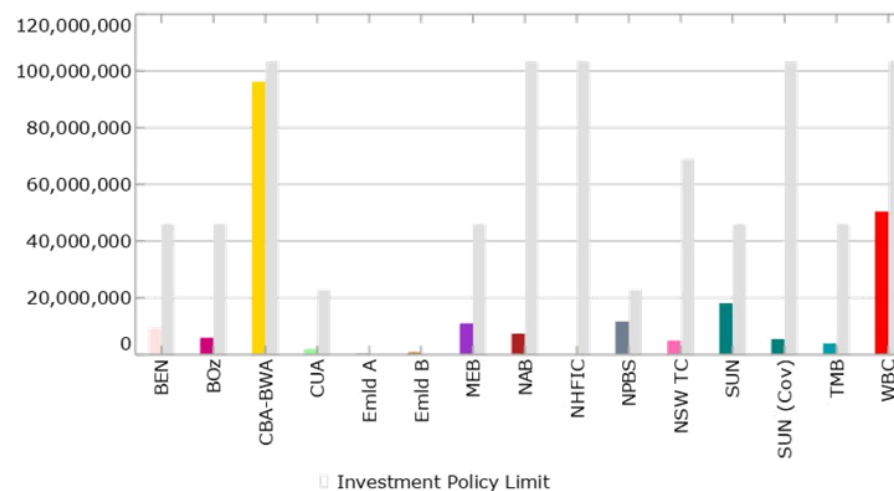
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Individual Institutional Exposures Report - March 2021



Individual Institutional Exposures Individual Institutional Exposure Charts

Parent Group	Credit Rating	Portfolio Exposure (\$)	Investment Policy Limit (\$)
Bank Australia	A-2, BBB	6,000,000	46,035,773
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	A-2, BBB+	9,600,000	46,035,773
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+, AA-	96,200,000	103,580,489
Credit Union Australia	A-2, BBB	2,000,000	23,017,886
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006A	NR	516,521	0
Emerald Reverse Mortgage 2006B	NR	1,000,000	0
Members Equity Bank	A-2, BBB	11,068,344	46,035,773
National Australia Bank	A-1+, AA-	7,444,000	103,580,489
National Housing Finance Investment Corp (Social)	A-1+, AAA	1,500,000	103,580,489
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	A-2, BBB	11,700,000	23,017,886
NSW T-Corp (Green)	A-1+, AA+	5,000,000	69,053,659
Suncorp Bank	A-1, A+	18,150,000	46,035,773
Suncorp Bank (Covered)	AAA, AAA	5,500,000	103,580,489
Teachers Mutual Bank	A-2, BBB	4,000,000	46,035,773
Westpac Group	A-1+, AA-	50,500,000	103,580,489
		230,178,865	



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Cash Flows Report - March 2021



Current Month Cashflows

<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Deal No.</u>	<u>Cashflow Counterparty</u>	<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Cashflow Description</u>	<u>Cashflow Received</u>
2-Mar-21	538824	Bank Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	9,058.19
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>9,058.19</u>
	540602	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	7,434.35
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>7,434.35</u>
				Day Total	16,492.54
4-Mar-21	540984	Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Floating Rate Note	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-10,000,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-10,000,000.00</u>
				Day Total	-10,000,000.00
24-Mar-21	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>
	540753	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	14,424.66
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>14,424.66</u>
				Day Total	135,389.66
26-Mar-21	541224	ME Bank	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-2,500,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-2,500,000.00</u>
				Day Total	-2,500,000.00
29-Mar-21	536454	Heritage Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	17,876.71
		Heritage Bank	Floating Rate Note	Maturity Face Value - Received	5,800,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>5,817,876.71</u>
	538091	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Interest - Received	46,109.59
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>46,109.59</u>
				Day Total	5,863,986.30
31-Mar-21	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>

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Current Month Cashflows

<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Deal No.</u>	<u>Cashflow Counterparty</u>	<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Cashflow Description</u>	<u>Cashflow Received</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>
	541236	Westpac Group	Term Deposits	Settlement Face Value - Paid	-4,000,000.00
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>-4,000,000.00</u>
				Day Total	-3,704,250.00
				Net Cash Movement for Period	-10,188,381.50

Next Month Cashflows

<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Deal No.</u>	<u>Cashflow Counterparty</u>	<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Cashflow Description</u>	<u>Cashflow Due</u>
6-Apr-21	536788	Teachers Mutual Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	13,913.42
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>13,913.42</u>
				Day Total	13,913.42
19-Apr-21	537202	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	6,299.38
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>6,299.38</u>
				Day Total	6,299.38
26-Apr-21	538603	Credit Union Australia	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	5,636.02
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>5,636.02</u>
	539640	Suncorp Bank (Covered)	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	10,426.63
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>10,426.63</u>
				Day Total	16,062.65
27-Apr-21	536141	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	4,008.81
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>4,008.81</u>
	539647	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	Maturity Face Value - Received	20,000,000.00
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	161,112.33
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>20,161,112.33</u>
				Day Total	20,165,121.13
30-Apr-21	538330	Suncorp Bank	Floating Rate Note	Coupon - Received	11,817.53
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>11,817.53</u>

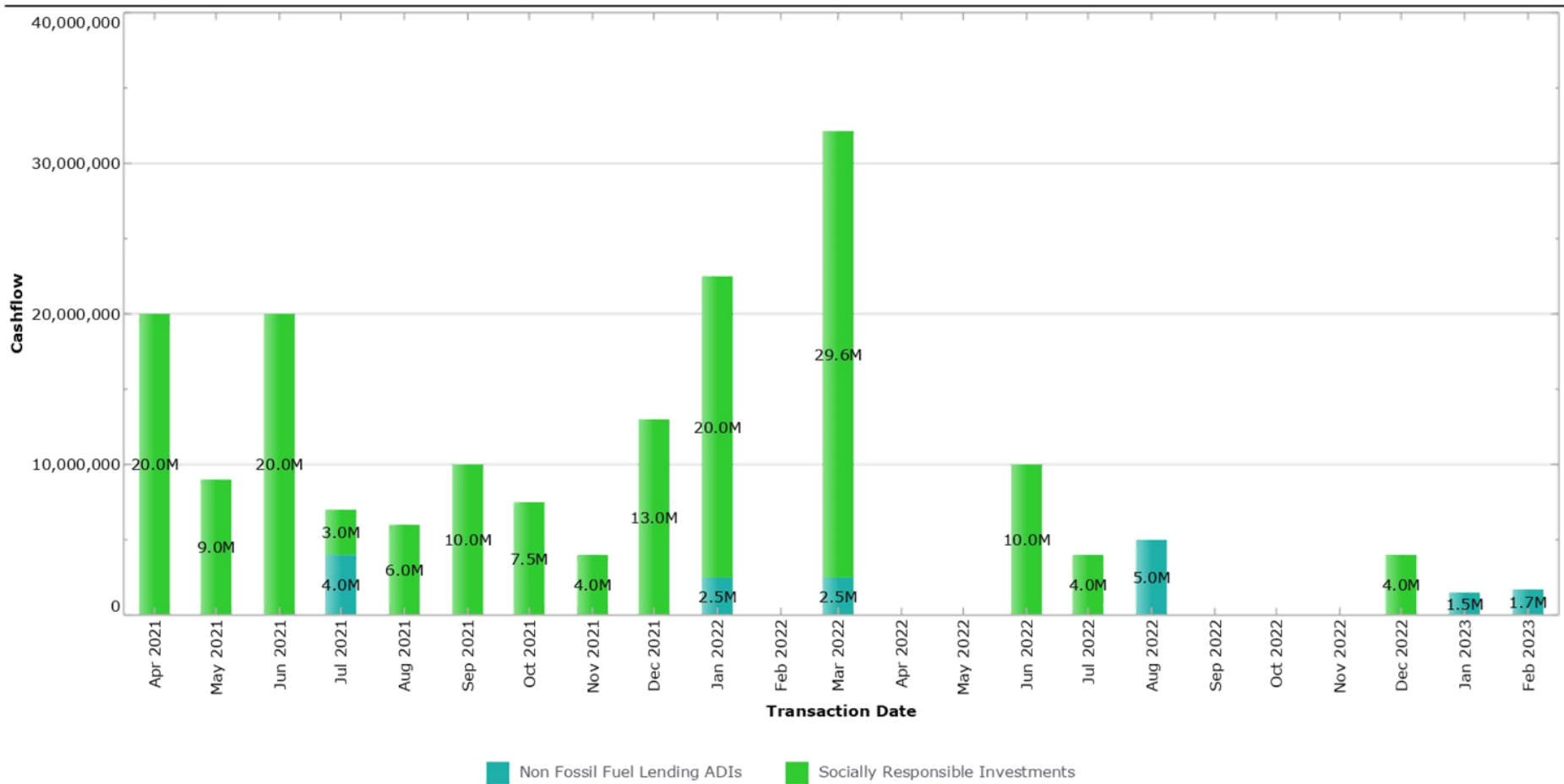
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Next Month Cashflows

<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Deal No.</u>	<u>Cashflow Counterparty</u>	<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Cashflow Description</u>	<u>Cashflow Due</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	1,477.19
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>1,477.19</u>
	540480	Westpac Group	Term Deposit	Interest - Received	10,097.26
				<u>Deal Total</u>	<u>10,097.26</u>
				Day Total	50,866.51
				Net Cash Movement for Period	20,252,263.10

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Inner West Council Economic and Investment Portfolio Commentary March 2021

Investment Portfolio Commentary

Council's investment portfolio posted a return of 0.85% pa for the month of March versus the bank bill index benchmark return of 0.02%pa. For the past 12 months, the investment portfolio returned 1.41%pa, exceeding the bank bill index benchmark's 0.11%pa by 1.30%pa.

Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 1.16%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 March, Council's investment portfolio had a \$5.8m 3yr FRN with Heritage Bank mature that had been paying 3mo BBSW + 1.23%. Council invested \$6.5m in two 12 month TDs at an average rate of 0.47%pa, a good level in the current market. Council also invested \$10m in a 5yr Newcastle Permanent FRN (non-fossil fuel) paying quarterly interest of BBSW +0.63%pa..

Council's entire investment portfolio remains invested in non fossil fuel lending ADIs (28% of portfolio) and socially responsible investments (72% of portfolio).

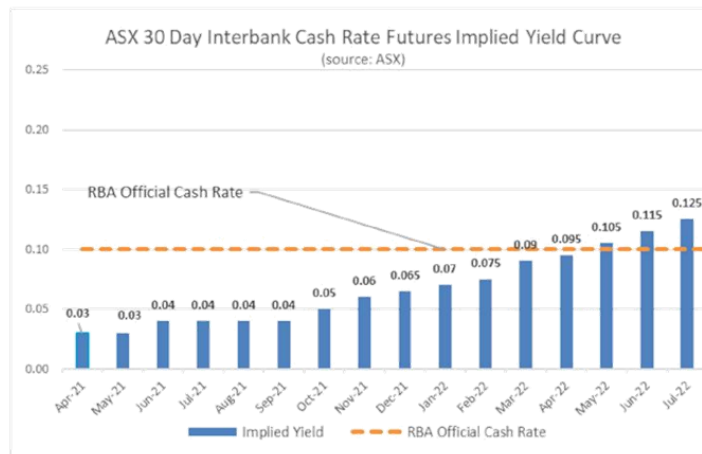
Over the past year, Council has proactively reduced its exposure to banks with long term credit ratings in the BBB+ and BBB categories in order to comply with NSW TCorp loan covenant requirements. This goal has now been achieved on schedule and Council's portfolio is now in full compliance with the NSW TCorp requirements while continuing to adhere to Council's ESG goals.

Domestic issues:

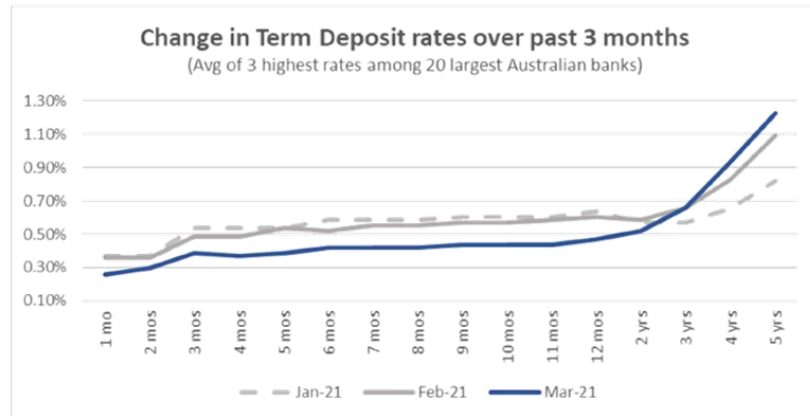
- In Australia, GDP rose 3.1% off the back of strong gains in consumer spending, housing investment, equipment investment and public spending and has now recovered 84% of the fall in economic activity recorded in the first half of last year due to the coronavirus related shutdown.
- With saving rates remaining high (indicating pent up demand), consumer and business confidence strong, incentives aimed at boosting housing and business investment and vaccines set to allow a further reopening of the economy the recovery is expected to continue but at a slower pace than recent gains.
- Meanwhile, the RBA reiterated its view that there is a long way to go to meet its inflation and employment targets and still does not expect a rate hike until 2024.
- The Australian share market recorded modest gains over the month and the AUD/USD ended March slightly lower at 0.76c.

Interest rates

- Australian long term rates remain sharply higher than short term levels, with the 10 year swap rate settling in the 1.85% area, as markets price in expectations for a quick recovery and resultant inflation pressures. The RBA is still not convinced that inflation will be a concern anytime soon.
- Monetary stimulus measures continue to keep short term market rates below the official cash rate. The 3 month bank bill rate inched 1 basis point higher to 0.04% by the end of March and the RBA kept the official cash rate and target 3 year bond yield at 0.10%.



- In March, average TD rates in the 1-12 month range slipped backward by an average of 12 basis points (0.12%), primarily as a result of a couple banks slashing their unusually high rates to well below their peers. Meanwhile, the surge in long dated interest rates, off the back of economic optimism, continued to ratchet up term deposit rates in the 4 & 5yr area with 5yr TDs at an average of 1.22%pa, up 0.40%pa since the end of January:



Global issues:

- In the US, President Biden's US\$1.9T stimulus/recovery package passed through Congress with only modest changes. Now, with another massive recovery package in the wings, a US\$2T infrastructure plan, US interest rates continue to rise as the market anticipates the monetary and fiscal stimulus of the past 12 months will rekindle inflation. Like Australia's RBA, the US Federal Reserve is telling the market there will be no official interest rate hikes until at least 2024.
- In Europe, key manufacturing indicators are showing a solid rebound despite virus-related lockdowns continuing to hamper retail activity as the vaccine rollout remains slow on the continent.

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Item No: C0521(2) Item 6

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND: C0421(1) ITEM 8 COUNCIL PAGE IN NEW LOCAL NEWSPAPER - 13 APRIL 2021

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillors Councillor John Stamolis, Councillor Victor Macri and Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

We, the abovementioned Councillors, hereby submit a Notice of Motion to rescind Council's resolution of **C0421(1) Item 8 Council page in new local newspaper**, and propose the alternative Motion be adopted as follows:

THAT:

1. **A Councillor briefing to be held to discuss how Council can best communicate with the Inner West community; and**
2. **Any commitment to newspaper advertising require an expression of interest process to be undertaken.**

Background

Council resolved on 13 April 2021:

THAT:

1. **Council endorse the inclusion of a weekly Inner West Council news page in the new local newspaper - Inner West Review;**
2. **The content of the news page be the responsibility of the General Manager (as duly delegated), not the Mayor's office; and**
3. **The content of the news page be focused on information relevant to the community and highlighting Council and community achievements, rather than conveying a regular message from the Mayor or photos of the Mayor and Councillors.**

The process and recommendation to select the Inner West Review (to include an Inner West Council news page) was not open or transparent.

The report lacked information which would be regarded as suitable for high level decision-making.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 7

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: INNER WEST ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASKFORCE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Thanks the members of the Inner West Economic Recovery Taskforce, Percy Allan, Erica Berchtold, Greg Khoury, Chrissy Flanagan, Mark Chapman, Monica Vardabasso, Morris Hanna and Kerrie Glasscock, for volunteering their time and expertise;
2. Notes the recommendations of the Inner West Economic Recovery Taskforce (See Attachment 1);
3. Refers the taskforce report to Council Officers to seek their advice on each recommendation, which is to be tabled at the June Ordinary meeting;
4. Officers meet with taskforce members to discuss the recommendations; and
5. Endorses the following recommendations for immediate implementation with an update to be provided in the report to the June Ordinary meeting:
 - a) Undertakes an external review of its borrowing capabilities to identify its capacity to invest additional capital in reducing/eliminating the infrastructure backlog;
 - b) Seeks advice and cooperation from rating agencies and the NSW Government's TCorp in assessing Council's borrowing capacity and review whether there are other mechanisms Council can use to raise capital to invest in infrastructure renewal;
 - c) Identifies the proportion of Council's procurement currently undertaken through suppliers within the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) and makes it a priority to increase local procurement in future budgets;
 - d) Proposes to the NSW and Federal Governments that they establish a one-stop shop application process for all three tiers of government for approvals to open a brewery/distillery, and that the Inner West would host a pilot of the scheme; and
 - e) Develops an Inner West public space activation strategy to be rolled out in line with the lifting of public health restrictions with the specific goal of attracting and encouraging high levels of pedestrian traffic, economic activity and social interaction in the public domain.

Officer's Comments:

Council staff will provide an update on the taskforce recommendations at the June Ordinary Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Economic Recovery Recommendations

ECONOMIC RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS

CAPITAL WORKS

That Council

1. Undertakes an external review of its borrowing capabilities to identify its capacity to invest additional capital in reducing/eliminating the infrastructure backlog.
2. Seeks advice and cooperation from rating agencies and the NSW Government's TCorp in assessing Council's borrowing capacity and review whether there are other mechanisms Council can use to raise capital to invest in infrastructure renewal.
3. Identifies the proportion of Council's procurement currently undertaken through suppliers within the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) and makes it a priority to increase local procurement in future budgets.
4. Actively encourages local suppliers to bid for Council for procurement.
5. Convenes a procurement forum for local suppliers.
6. Identifies the proportion of local procurement for NSW Government infrastructure projects under construction within the LGA and seeks an agreement with the NSW Government and its contractors to increase local procurement.
7. Gives high priority to renewing worn out sandstone road and street kerbing, which is integral to the historic heritage of particular Inner West suburbs.
8. Renews and beautifies roundabouts in the LGA by repairing broken kerbing and installing art and/or green infrastructure on their traffic islands.
9. Continues to improve the tidiness and appearance of the main streets to make them look more attractive and appealing.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

That Council

1. Sets immediate targets for improving processing times for applications for businesses seeking to change the use of a premises.
2. Streamlines and simplifies the development application process, with a focus on speeding up processing times. Investigate industry innovations that could streamline the DA process further.
3. Provides additional specialised customer service advice to businesses making applications in response to the changed economic conditions due to COVID-19.
4. Proposes to the NSW and Federal Governments that it establishes a one-stop shop application process for all three tiers of government approvals to open a brewery/distillery, and that the Inner West would host a pilot of the scheme.
5. Requests that the NSW Government make permanent the arrangements that permit licensed premises, such as a restaurant, café or small bar, to sell alcohol for takeaway and delivery during the COVID-19 crisis.

COMPLIANCE

That Council

1. Surveys local businesses to find out how COVID-19 restrictions have impacted on their compliance costs.

MAIN STREET AND PUBLIC SPACE ACTIVATION

That Council

1. Proposes to the NSW Government that the Inner West LGA become a pilot location for the Government's 24-Hour Economy Strategy, which identifies the priority of public space activation to support COVID-19-safe activity from the hospitality, retail and entertainment sectors.
2. Conducts an audit of streets and laneways that could be activated for use by local businesses.
3. Develops an Inner West public space activation strategy to be rolled out in line with the lifting of public health restrictions with the specific goal of attracting and encouraging high levels of pedestrian traffic, economic activity and social interaction in the public domain.
4. Reduces regulatory compliance rules to make it simpler and cheaper to activate footpaths, car parks and other open spaces for use by businesses.
5. Continues its support of existing main street businesses.

PUBLIC ART

That Council

1. Engages main street property and business owners to expand Council's Perfect Match program to all main street properties seeking community input into art works, which can be displayed across multiple shopfronts celebrating the character of each village.
2. Create a public art program for the shop tops in villages with significant high-street commercial vacancies, and as part of that program:
 - Call for EOIs for residents to nominate a block of their local high street for the pilot of the program
 - An online vote be held to choose the first pilot precinct
 - An Inner West street artist is engaged for the design
 - The owners, residents and business owners of the properties in that precinct be engaged on potential designs
 - Once complete, a street art festival be held in the precinct (COVID-19 dependant)
 - The landlords of empty shopfronts are actively encouraged to seek tenants to coordinate with the pilot
 - The pilot is evaluated, and subsequent executions assessed on the basis of empty shops activated during the pilot
3. Supports a public art project in Alex Trevallion Plaza in Marrickville.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

That Council

1. Consults with local residents and businesses about the potential for more shop-top housing on main streets to increase pedestrian traffic and to support main street economic activity.
2. Reviews late-night trading controls as a matter of urgency.
3. Works with the NSW Government to reclaim Parramatta Road, similar to the reclaiming of Bourke/Crown Streets when the Eastern Distributor was built, which would include installing trackless trams.

ARTS AND CULTURE

That Council

1. Initiates an Inner West Arts recovery strategy.
2. Uses the Inner West Live Music Census to consult with venues and artists on their current challenges and how to protect and bolster their services.
3. Expedites the complying development process for arts venues
4. Marketing campaign and media, how concentrated in this area it is.
5. Undertakes an economic impact study of the value of live performance and cultural venues to the Inner West LGA, based on the spaces identified in the Inner West Live Music Census.

TRAINING AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

That Council

1. Investigates the possibility of partnering with the Federal Government's Department of Education, Skills and Employment for the delivery of a "jobs fair" in the LGA.
2. Partners with local TAFEs to investigate the possibility of establishing a traineeship program at Council for local students.
3. Organises for an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Provider to hold an information session with local employers to discuss the apprenticeship support incentives that are part of the Federal Government's COVID-19 response.
4. Consults with local business chambers to find ways to encourage residents to shop locally, especially in the run up to Christmas.
5. Surveys all local businesses to find out what further assistance they require due to the COVID-19 crisis.

TOURISM

That Council

1. Determines which parts of the Inner West have a global appeal and what parts have a local appeal. The Inner West is a city of villages and they are not all going to have the same appeal to tourists. It is a way for Council to tap into the domestic tourism market to attract more tourists to the Inner West. For example, the more global village of the Balmain peninsular with significant entertainment right through to Ashfield being the most authentic Chinatown in Sydney. Best Portuguese chicken outside Portugal is in Petersham. Great servings of Greek and Vietnamese in Marrickville, and Leichhardt and Haberfield have their Italian background.
2. Builds a tourism overlay into Council's economic recovery plan, e.g. linking food destinations and creative industries in Marrickville.
3. Utilises digital campaigns to encourage Sydneysiders to "pop in" to the Inner West. E.g. You can pop into Ashfield, you can pop into Marrickville, you can pop into Leichhardt. Create digital maps that show you where you can see public art, eat the best food, how to get around on public transport, etc. Low cost and encourages people to walk around.

YOUTH

That Council

1. Engages with local youth support organisations to formulate a strategy to support young people.
2. Approaches local liquor accords to request their support with youth training and employment.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 8

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PARLIAMENTARY REPORT INTO STRONGER COMMUNITIES TIED GRANTS ROUND

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Notes the findings of the First Report from the Inquiry by the NSW Parliament's Public Accountability Committee into Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs (attachment 1);
2. Endorses the comments of Mr David Shoebridge MLC, contained in the Chair's foreword to the report regarding the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round:

"The Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round was an alarming example of the lack of transparency and accountability in NSW Government grant programs. The fund was originally established to assist councils created from the NSW Government's failed council amalgamations, but morphed into a brazen pork-barrel scheme. Ultimately the Coalition designed a scheme with so few checks and balances that \$252 million of public money was handed out on a purely political basis to sort out the Coalition's political problems, to gain an advantage in the 2019 state election and to punish any council that had objected to being forcibly merged."

3. Notes the full list of recommendations in the committee's report (attachment 2)
4. Write to all NSW Members of Parliament calling on them to implement the Inquiry's recommendations including:
 - a) Recommendation 5 - That the NSW Government ensure all grant programs have, as an absolute minimum, the following legally binding and mandatory elements:
 - a designated decision-maker
 - eligibility criteria
 - a process for identifying and assessing proposed projects against those criteria
 - program guidelines that are clear, detailed and publicly available.
 - b) Recommendation 7 - That the Legislative Council refer its concerns regarding the inappropriate design and maladministration of the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round to the Audit Office of NSW, along with this report and committee transcripts of evidence for investigation.
 - c) Recommendation 8 - That the Legislative Council refer its concerns regarding the inappropriate design and maladministration of the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round to the Independent Commission Against Corruption,

along with this report and committee transcripts of evidence for investigation.

- d) **Recommendation 9 - That the Legislative Council send a message to the Legislative Assembly to establish a Joint Select Committee to inquire into and report on the NSW budget process and parliamentary oversight.**
5. **Writes to the NSW Premier, Treasurer and Local Government Minister demanding that that an additional round of grant funding for community infrastructure funding be opened by the government for Councils such as the Inner West that were improperly prevented from accessing the Stronger Communities Fund – Tied Grants program;**
6. **Commit to ongoing advocacy through all of Council's communications channels to inform our community about the findings and recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry;**
7. **Thank the members of the Committee for their diligence in uncovering the full scope of the pork barrelling that occurred throughout the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round; and**
8. **Prepare a list of priority infrastructure projects, across all five wards of Inner West Council, which could be funded were the NSW Government to make an additional round of funding available to councils that were prevented from applying for the tied grants round, noting that the Inner West would have received \$24 million if the funds had been distributed fairly on a per capita basis to amalgamated Councils.**

Background

The First Report from the Inquiry by the NSW Parliament's Public Accountability Committee into Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs was tabled with the Clerk of the Parliaments on 30 March 2021.

The Inquiry's investigations focused on the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round and uncovered a number of shocking and damning findings including:

- *Finding 1*

That the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round was a clear abuse of the grants process. It was an improper allocation of public money and falls well short of principles of proper grants administration and public expectations.

- *Finding 2*

That, of the \$252 million allocated in the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round, 95 per cent, which is a total of \$241 million, was allocated to councils in Coalition-held or marginal electorates.

- *Finding 3*

That the grant of \$90 million to Hornsby Shire Council went against the original intent of the Stronger Communities Fund, was made without any due process or merit assessment, and was a misuse of public money by the NSW Government for a political purpose unrelated to the objects of the grants scheme.

- Finding 4

That the revised guidelines for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round were ambiguous and did not identify with enough specificity the designated decision-maker or how projects would be identified or approved.

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- Finding 5

That the guidelines for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round were deliberately devised to accommodate the pork-barrelling scheme in order to:

- *partially resolve certain legal disputes involving Hornsby Shire Council and Parramatta City Council*
- *win favour with the public in Coalition and marginal seats ahead of the 2019 state election*
- *punish local councils that had objected to forced amalgamation proposals.*

In November 2020, the NSW Premier admitted publicly that the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round involved pork barrelling, stating;

"Governments in all positions make commitments to the community in order to curry favour. I think that's part of the political process whether we like it or not.

The term pork barrelling is common parlance ... and it's not something that I know that the community is comfortable with and if that's the accusation made on this occasion ... well then I'm happy to accept that commentary.

If the accusation is that the government favoured certain areas, well that's an accusation we wear."

In giving evidence to the Inquiry, NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro also confirmed pork barrelling had occurred, stating: "What we call pork-barrelling is investment. In one way, when you think about it, at every single election that every party goes to we make commitments. You want to call that pork-barrelling, you want to call that buying votes, that it what the elections are for."

While the Inquiry was being held, former NSW auditor-general Tony Harris publicly called for the resignation of the Premier following revelations her office had shredded working advice notes regarding the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round, stating: "I allege that the shredding those documents is unlawful, and so when you package everything up together, it's time for her to go," he said.

The unlawfulness of this action was later confirmed by the NSW State Archives and Records Authority on 22 January 2021.

The Inquiry also received submissions and testimony from The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). The report's summary of these contributions include;

2.2 The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) noted that generally, public money should be spent according to the 'three Es' of public sector administration and decision-making – efficiently, effectively and economically. The Commonwealth

Grant Rules and Guidelines has introduced a fourth concept – that money must be managed ethically - and ICAC noted its support for ethics being included as a foundational organising principle of grants administration.

2.5 ICAC noted that principles of transparency, accountability and fairness should be observed in all grant programs as they all involve public money or asset.

2.43 ICAC also submitted that the following situations could give rise to a serious breach of public trust in the administration of grant programs, depending on the specific circumstances:

- designing eligibility and selection criteria to favour a particular applicant at the expense of the public interest*
- intentionally misapplying nominated selection criteria, or directing a public servant to do so*
- encouraging a public official to create false or incomplete records or to conceal the involvement of an elected official, or any other wilful suppression of grants scheme information*
- directing or urging a public servant to make a decision preferred by the Minister if the Minister is not the appointed decision-maker*
- deliberately failing to act on a reasonable suspicion of fraud, misappropriation or misuse of grant funds*
- any action that leads to an unsuccessful applicant receiving false information about why it was unsuccessful.*

2.44 Mr Hall stated that ministerial discretion may not be exercised to 'negate or rewrite the terms and/or the operation' of an established grants scheme.⁷⁰ If a grant program is designed so that proposed projects are assessed according to specified eligibility and selection criteria, a minister may not permissibly approve grants that do not meet the required criteria.⁷¹ Similarly, ministerial intervention 'to skew or alter a result that has gone through a prescribed selection process', if it is done to enhance the prospects of electoral success, may be an illegitimate use of power.

2.45 In this context, Mr Hall said that 'pork-barrelling' may constitute corrupt conduct where a minister overrides an established grant program decision-making process to gain an electoral advantage. He stated (emphasis added): Whilst every case necessarily turns on its own factual circumstances, if a minister intervenes and overrides a government grant program or scheme, including in particular in relation to the decision-making processes by which successful applicants are determined, and intentionally does so for the purposes of possible electoral advantage, such intervention could constitute corrupt conduct under the provisions of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.

Attachment 1-

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

Findings

- Finding 1** 43
That the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round was a clear abuse of the grants process. It was an improper allocation of public money and falls well short of principles of proper grants administration and public expectations.
- Finding 2** 44
That, of the \$252 million allocated in the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round, 95 per cent, which is a total of \$241 million, was allocated to councils in Coalition-held or marginal electorates.
- Finding 3** 44
That the grant of \$90 million to Hornsby Shire Council went against the original intent of the Stronger Communities Fund, was made without any due process or merit assessment, and was a misuse of public money by the NSW Government for a political purpose unrelated to the objects of the grants scheme.
- Finding 4** 45
That the revised guidelines for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round were ambiguous and did not identify with enough specificity the designated decision-maker or how projects would be identified or approved.
- Finding 5** 45
That the guidelines for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round were deliberately devised to accommodate the pork-barrelling scheme in order to:
- partially resolve certain legal disputes involving Hornsby Shire Council and Parramatta City Council
 - win favour with the public in Coalition and marginal seats ahead of the 2019 state election
 - punish local councils that had objected to forced amalgamation proposals.
- Finding 6** 45
That the Office of Local Government failed to publish the revised guidelines for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round.
- Finding 7** 70
That the working advice notes created in the Office of the Premier were used as formal funding briefs by which the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, approved projects for the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round.
- Finding 8** 70
That staff in the Office of the Premier breached the *State Records Act 1998* by destroying working advice notes concerning the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round.

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- Finding 9** 71
That the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Deputy Premier of New South Wales, the Hon John Barilaro MP approved projects to be funded under the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round and directed the Office of Local Government to make the payments.
- Finding 10** 72
That the Office of the Deputy Premier failed to comply with the basic rules of good governance by keeping no records detailing the basis on which the Deputy Premier of New South Wales, the Hon John Barilaro MP determined to allocate \$61.3 million of public money under the Stronger Community Fund tied grants round.
- Finding 11** 72
That the Office of Local Government had no process whereby it assessed potential projects for funding under the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round, nor did any other agency.
- Finding 12** 72
That the agency administering the fund, the Office of Local Government, did not hold or record any conflicts of interest in relation to these grants. No evidence of any conflict of interest declarations was presented, including in the Offices of the Premier and the Deputy Premier.
- Finding 13** 94
That it is unacceptable for large regional cities, such as Wollongong and Newcastle, to be excluded when complementary grants programs are designed for both metropolitan and regional areas, such as the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund and Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Attachment 2

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

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That the NSW Government review and update the Good Practice Guide to Grants Administration and related circular to ensure it aligns with current best practice including:

- minimum requirements including publication of guidelines, clear chains of authority and decision-making and adequate record keeping
- guidelines around the role of members of parliament and discretion of ministers and other decision-makers.

Recommendation 2

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That the NSW Government ensure that key requirements of the Good Practice Guide to Grants Administration are enforceable.

Recommendation 3

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That the NSW Government create and maintain a central website, similar to the Australian Government's Grant Connect website for:

- all grant application information, including guidelines, objectives and eligibility
- an annual calendar with open and closing dates along with projected times of project announcements.

Recommendation 4

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That the NSW Government:

- increase the powers and remit of the Auditor-General of New South Wales to include 'follow the dollar' powers, consistent with other Australian State and Territory jurisdictions
- enable the Auditor-General of New South Wales to conduct more regular performance audits on the design and guidelines of government grant programs.

Recommendation 5

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That the NSW Government ensure all grant programs have, as an absolute minimum, the following legally binding and mandatory elements:

- a designated decision-maker
- eligibility criteria
- a process for identifying and assessing proposed projects against those criteria
- program guidelines that are clear, detailed and publicly available.

Recommendation 6

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That the Board of the State Records and Archives Authority reconsider its decision not to pursue further action against the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and her office, in light of its findings that the Office of the Premier breached the *State Records Act 1998* by destroying working advice notes regarding the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round.

- Recommendation 7** 73
That the Legislative Council refer its concerns regarding the inappropriate design and maladministration of the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round to the Audit Office of NSW, along with this report and committee transcripts of evidence for investigation.
- Recommendation 8** 73
That the Legislative Council refer its concerns regarding the inappropriate design and maladministration of the Stronger Communities Fund tied grants round to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, along with this report and committee transcripts of evidence for investigation.
- Recommendation 9** 74
That the Legislative Council send a message to the Legislative Assembly to establish a Joint Select Committee to inquire into and report on the NSW budget process and parliamentary oversight.
- Recommendation 10** 93
That the NSW Government, in close consultation with Local Government NSW, overhaul its current model of grant funding to local councils to move towards providing the bulk of its funding through a funding formula that:
- is linked to local councils' existing strategic planning documents and priorities
 - acknowledges the additional costs and needs of regional and remote councils
 - is predictable and provides multi-year funding commitments
 - is regularly and publicly reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of the sector.
- Recommendation 11** 93
That the NSW Government consider using staged application processes for large grants so that applicants submit an initial expression of interest and are shortlisted to progress through to a full application.
- Recommendation 12** 93
That the NSW Government ensure that no local government grant funding announcement is made before the recipient has been informed and accepts.
- Recommendation 13** 94
That the NSW Government review and standardise eligibility classifications across grant programs, including investigating whether to include a third category of 'gateway city' in its classification of regions.
- Recommendation 14** 94
That the Department of Premier and Cabinet table half-yearly reports to the Legislative Council on all current grant processes, including:
- guidelines for open and upcoming grant programs and any revisions to these guidelines
 - total amount available for the round and approximate amounts available to each applicant
 - updates on amounts paid for each project for the last quarter.
- Further, that the Department of Premier and Cabinet publish this information on an online dashboard and update it regularly.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs

Recommendation 15

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That the NSW Government ensures the Office of Local Government is audited for each grant funding round it administers, including checks to ensure whether the Office has complied with the relevant guidelines, ensured programs are subject to probity audits, and kept accurate and sufficient records.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 9

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: FOOTPATHS ARE A KEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSET THAT IMPROVE OUR LIVES

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Mark Drury

MOTION:

THAT Council commit to the installation of grass verges, where the footpath is wide enough, as part of the footpath renewal program identified through the footpath condition audit currently underway. This will improve our footpaths, help address our infrastructure backlog and enable more green verges to be installed where the condition of the footpath dictates we need to replace it and the residents want green verges.

Background

Footpaths are a key local government asset that improve our lives. The Inner West Council has been gradually increasing the amount of money we spend on maintaining our footpaths. Currently Inner West Council is conducting an audit of the state of all footpaths and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021. We note that this audit will determine the condition rating and order of those footpaths that require maintenance.

We note that there are many streets where residents want grass verges as well as footpaths. For example, Morris St Summer Hill please see attached petition. Inner West Council generally supports these requests where the footpath is wide enough because we are committed to implementing water sensitive urban design principles where we can.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 10

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: IMPROVED SAFETY MEASURES FOR ACCESS TO PETERSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Louise Steer

MOTION:

THAT Council write to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Transport:

- 1. Noting the risk to students at Petersham Public School at the intersection of West Street and Railway Terrace;**
- 2. Requesting traffic calming measures to ensure safety of students at Petersham Public School including:**
 - a) Installation of a new pedestrian crossing on the eastern leg of Railway Terrace (at West Street) to allow pedestrians to make only one movement across this intersection;**
 - b) Introduction of a red-light speed camera at the intersection, to discourage drivers from queuing across the intersection and ensure free movement across the pedestrian crossings; and**
 - c) Additional safety improvements at the intersection, including adequate waiting space for pedestrians and safety devices such as guardrail, bollards and the like to provide added protection for pedestrians.**

Background

Pedestrian and cyclist safety continues to be a major concern at the West Street and Railway Terrace intersection, Petersham. With the continued development and growth in population, more and more people are accessing this intersection.

The intersection is extremely dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists to cross. One of the key trip generators in the area is Petersham Public School. A significant number of children, who live in the northern Petersham and Lewisham areas, access this intersection every day, and are placed at risk.

In particular, there are three major issues:

1. Having to undertake a two staged crossing at the intersection, which requires significant waiting time.
2. Inadequate waiting space at the intersection, particularly on the NE and NW corners. Children are often forced close to the roadway when crossing, or even worse, children are forced to wait through one or two extra phases to cross this intersection.
3. Vehicles blocking the intersection and more dangerously blocking the pedestrian crossing, thus forcing pedestrians, and in particular children, to navigate around the pedestrian crossing onto the roadway

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 11

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: IMPROVED DRAINAGE AT LEWISHAM STATION

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Louise Steer

MOTION:

THAT Council write to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Transport requesting that:

- 1. Transport for NSW take all necessary measures to ensure that the access tunnel to Lewisham Station is protected from flooding during heavy rain; and**
- 2. A lift be installed at Lewisham Station to facilitate access to Lewisham Station.**

Background

The access tunnel to Lewisham Station notoriously floods during rainstorms, and during the March floods, became completely inaccessible for some days and was closed by Transport for NSW, thereby preventing Lewisham residents from using the trains.

Commuters are forced to walk along the raised edges of the tunnel to access the station. This is completely unacceptable.

Transport for NSW is responsible for ensuring access to Lewisham Station and has completely failed to remedy the situation. As Inner West LGA was declared a flood disaster area during the March floods, Transport for NSW needs to step up and recognise that Lewisham Station will continue to have accessibility issues unless appropriate flood management and drainage measures are put in place.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 12

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: INCREASING SOLAR UPTAKE IN RESIDENTIAL STRATA BUILDING

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT:

1. Council direct mails a letter to all residents of apartment blocks, townhouses and residential strata buildings identified by Council's Go Solar team and its Go Solar for Strata partner, Wattblock, as being ideal buildings for the installation of solar and battery systems encouraging them to take up a free consultation with Wattblock. This should include a request for executive members of the strata committee to table the proposal directly and for residents who are not part of the strata executive to request their executive members to table the request; and
2. This is to be paid for from the funds quarantined from saving following the loss of local newspaper advertising.

Background

A Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) was released to the market in February 2020 and closed 20 March seeking proposals from organisations with successful models for increasing solar uptake in residential, commercial, industrial and community buildings throughout the Inner West.

Council's Go Solar EOI was the first stage of procurement to test the market and identify respondents to proceed to Requests for Quotes. The EOI documentation was downloaded by 92 groups and 22 proposals were received by Council.

The EOI process identified three projects to commence in 2020/21, one of which was Wattblock -Solar for strata apartments and townhouses.

Wattblock are specialist consultants based at UNSW providing sustainability advice to multi-tenanted strata buildings. Wattblock is delivering a program identifying high solar potential strata apartments and townhouses within the Inner West LGA.

An initial assessment by Wattblock has identified 227 residential strata buildings across the LGA where the available rooftop space and layout of the building lends itself to solar installation and through which the financial and emissions reduction benefits would be substantial.

Since October 2020, Council has been promoting the programs and has recruited nearly 30 strata committees, which will receive free independent solar feasibility assessments and support through the solar process.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Urban Sustainability Manager:

There is a fee to Council for Wattblock services. Council budgeted for 30 strata properties in 2020/21 before committing further to recruiting Round 2 participants (2021/22). Please note Council has no control over how many strata properties in the program proceeds to installing solar.

Round 1 (2020/21) was publicised using the following methods:

- 173 properties received letters to the property address c/o the Strata Committee secretary (i.e. all suitable properties identified, except for town house developments).
- Email to strata managers where details known.
- Program overview email text & web page link sent to industry associations representing Owners Corporations (OCN Network) and Strata Managers (Strata Community Australia NSW chapter)
- Listing & story on national Look Up Strata industry website
- Council Environment & Sustainability What's ON Newsletter
- Green Living Centre Newsletter story
- Social media post from Council
- Listing of webinar on Council & Green Living Centre What's ON & Facebook Event calendars
- Go Solar for Strata Information webinar

Staff will now commence recruiting for the 2021/22 Round 2 intake and this can include direct mail to approx. 7,060 owners of the 153 remaining apartment blocks.

A separate targeted letter can also be sent to approx. 920 owners of the 46 townhouses identified. The Council funded Wattblock whole of strata solar feasibility study is not offered to townhouses. This is because rooftop solar in townhouses is less complex (usually for sole use). Townhouses are instead eligible for the free solar quote and information service through the Australian Energy Foundation and the information resources from Wattblock to assist strata committees with drafting solar by-laws where needed.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 13

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: DE-AMALGAMATION

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council write to the three Members of Parliament (Jo Haylen, Jenny Leong and Ron Hoenig) representing the former Marrickville Council area of the Inner West Council, asking them to engage their community in relation to their satisfaction with the amalgamation. If the community feedback is in support of the de-amalgamation of the former Marrickville Council, Inner West Council gives in principle support for it to be raised on behalf of the community.

Background

Note that the decision to amalgamate was undertaken by the State Government and Councillors were dismissed during this process.

Note that Council does not have the legislative power to de-amalgamate itself.

Note that Councillors control the levels of service and the condition of local infrastructure, not the State Government.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 14

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: TRANSPARENCY IN COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council publish on their website a breakdown of how rates are spent throughout the local government area. As per the example shown below from Canterbury Bankstown Council that provides the distribution of rates expenditure for every \$100 collected.

Background

Many residents are confused by the highly detailed budget documents and feel incapable of commenting on these technical reports. By providing a simpler breakdown of expenditure, local residents will be able to offer feedback on their priorities for the area, whether that be community services, open space, roads etc.

The implementation of Council's new Tech one software this should enable a direct reporting interface and for this data to be released on a regular basis moving forward. This will allow for greater transparency in allocation of Council resources and better manage community expectations.



Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 15

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: 'DO THE RIGHT THING' CAMPAIGN

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Write to the State members requesting that they re-establish the 'do the right thing' advertising campaign regarding littering and illegal dumping; and
 2. Notes that the great work undertaken by Clean Up Australia and our community volunteer groups in cleaning the Cooks River.
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Background

If we are to achieve the results needed to clean our waterways, we need to stop the flow of rubbish and litter in streets running into the river. This will require Councils to increase their street cleaning programs, but more importantly we also need to educate people to advocate for the reduction of littering and illegal dumping.

This 1980's campaign was successful in sending this message and it should be reinstated as illegal dumping and littering is a major issue in the Inner West area. If we truly care about the environment, we need to keep it at the forefront of people's minds.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Manager Resource Recovery Planning:

There are active anti-litter and dumping campaigns and initiatives in NSW which IWC engages with:

Clean Up Australia focuses on litter avoidance and removal through engaging community. Inner West promotes and participates in the annual Clean Up Australia Day and ongoing efforts to reduce litter. [Clean Up Australia](#)

Do the Right Thing was a litter campaign launched 40 years ago and arguably one of the most successful behaviour change campaigns of all time. It has recently been relaunched by Keep Australia Beautiful to encourage the community to take rubbish with them when enjoying the outdoors and to do the right thing by placing litter in a bin.

[Do The Right Thing Campaign - Keep Australia Beautiful \(kab.org.au\)](http://kab.org.au)

NSW EPA – Don't be a Tosser! The NSW EPA replaced 'Do the Right Thing' with 'Don't be a Tosser' litter campaign and has put considerable funding into television, radio, social media, and print campaign and encouraging the community to report litterers to the EPA. The campaign includes a marine focus and has a recent release of a song called 'Don't be a Tosser' by band Rage Against the Polystyrene: [Marine litter campaign \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://marine.littercampaign.nsw.gov.au)
[Don't be a Tosser! \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://dontbeatossersong.nsw.gov.au)

Recommendation:

- **Litter** - IWC can promote litter avoidance and clean up campaigns through its e-news and media channels. Street cleansing continue to clean up litter through scheduled cleaning and reactively through complaints.
- **Illegal Dumping** - An illegal dumping campaign will be promoted in conjunction with communications about the booked clean-up service (July 2021), allowing residents to book clean-up collections as required (unrestricted). Waste inspectors investigate reported illegal dumps in addition to waste services removing dumps across IWC.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 16

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MAYOR TO STAND DOWN

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT the Mayor to step down from the Mayoralty for the remainder of this term and the Deputy-Mayor to act in this role.

Background

This very important and necessary motion relates to the performance of the Mayor, and the many concerns of Councillors with the Mayors' leadership of Inner West Council.

Council is now engaging in the process of selecting yet another GM. A fresh start is possible for Council, but only if we resolve the other outstanding concern for many Councillors. This is about the leadership of this Council.

Reasons for putting this to Council include:

- The Mayor is making important decisions without bringing these to Council. The most recent case relates to his public attack on staff to the NSW Auditor-General, through the media. On another occasion the Mayor sought legal advice from Brett Walker, which he discussed with another Council and the media before discussing with fellow Councillors.
- How can staff and Council perform and deliver for our community when the Mayor goes directly to the media and makes negative statements.
- There are clear examples where the Mayor has been unable to work with the GM.
- Council is choosing our 5th GM under our revolving door for GMs. We all know that there have been ongoing problems with the Mayor and the GMs. These are the two most important positions for any Council and in the Inner West they are both at constant war. All Councillors know what happens to our Council when this war is on.
- Councillors are often not invited to attend, or not aware of events, even events in their own wards.
- Under the leadership of the Mayor relationships have been so poor during this term that we have engaged consultants to help Councillors with communication.
- The Mayor rarely communicates with Councillors.
- Regularly, the Mayor does not sit through Council meetings
- The Mayor departs Council meetings and leaves important debates to do Facebook and Twitter. On other occasions, the Mayor uses social media during the Council meeting to announce the results of debate while he is Chairing the meeting.

- The Mayor is under investigation from NCAT.
- The Mayor does not Chair Council meetings, he dominates Council meetings. He comments on virtually every item and he comments after Councillors themselves. His running reviews are unproductive and cause meetings to be inefficient and unnecessarily tense.
- It is vital for Councillors, staff and the new GM, that the Mayor step aside.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting General Manager:

A mayor holds office for two years subject to the LG Act (s230(1)) and ceases being a mayor if he or she ceases being a councillor (s234(5) LG Act).

The reasons for ceasing to be a councillor are set out in s234 LG Act and include death, resignation, mental incapacity, disqualification or dismissal from holding civic office and absence from three consecutive meetings without leave.

Council can lawfully call for the Mayor to stand down. It has no legal capacity to force the Mayor to do so.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 17

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: EMPTYING BINS IN PARKS

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Inform Councillors of the schedule for emptying bins in parks (weekdays, weekends, and public holidays) and how to report overflowing bins;
2. Review service levels and make adjustments where needed; and
3. Report back to Council on the above.

Background

There has been concern within the community about emptying of bins in parks.

It is important that Councillors are provided with information on current service arrangements and to ensure that these arrangements are compatible with the level of use and expected quality of our parks.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

At the Councillor briefing on the 2 March 2021, the current maintenance service levels for operational activities were outlined. As outlined at the briefing, waste in parks is collected 1-3 times per week depending on park usage and season. Additional services are provided where there is a known public event in the area.

If bins are overflowing, residents can report these through Council's online Customer Request Management system (<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/get-in-touch/report-an-issue-request-a-service?ref=quicklinks>), or they can telephone Council's customer service team on 02 9392 5000. If Councillors or residents believe a particular park requires a permanent increase in service levels, staff are happy to monitor this park and determine if additional services are required.

The Inner West Council has 268 parks. There is no current intention to increase service levels across the full extent of Council's parks. Should Councillors wish to increase the service level, additional budget will need to be allocated.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 18

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: DAWN FRASER BATHS REFURBISHMENT

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Expresses its confidence in Council staff to review the refurbishment of the Dawn Fraser Baths at Balmain and identify by a report to Council any inadequacies in the process, and
2. Requests that Cllr Darcy Byrne write to the Office of the NSW Auditor-General withdrawing his referral of Inner West Council to the office of the Auditor-General.

Background

On Tuesday the 16th of March Cllr Byrne wrote on his Facebook page of his unilateral referral of Inner West Council to the Auditor General of NSW "requesting she investigate the management and oversight of the Dawn Fraser Baths Heritage Upgrade."

This action has subsequently been reported in the media. Councillors are aware that the referral to the Auditor-General has caused further disharmony between senior staff and the elected Councillors and may further damage the reputation of elected Councillors with staff and the community.

The acting General Manager has advised Councillors of an internal review of the renovation of the Dawn Fraser Baths project.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 19

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: RECRUITMENT

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

That Council receive a report on the last 2 General Manager recruitment processes with a mind to improving the process with the introduction of a Blind recruitment conducted by an independent external provider.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Senior HR Partner:

A report can be provided. The two most recent recruitment processes for Council's General Manager has been undertaken by external recruitment providers. The providers were different on each occasion. The HR team note that blind recruitment has its critics as it has been shown in some studies to actually result in increased discrimination of minority groups.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 20

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Louise Steer

MOTION:

THAT Council report to Councillors at Council meeting of 8 June 2021 on the following:

- a. progress of installation of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park toilets
- b. whether the amount of \$500,000 allocated in the Council budget for installation of toilets at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park remains allocated for this purpose
- c. setting out the reasons why Council has not installed the toilets in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, noting that Council resolved in 2018 to install them in 2019
- d. all matters in items 1 – 10 inclusive in the motion Item 12 of 11 December 2018.

Background

Council passed the resolution in Item 12 below at the Council meeting of 11 December 2018. Council has not installed the toilets in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park or reported to Councillors on any of the items in the motion. The resolution below is not included in incomplete or pending motions in the Council motions summary on its website even though the toilets in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park have not been installed and Council has not reported on the other items in the resolution.

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING 11 DECEMBER 2018

C1218(1) Item 12 Camperdown Memorial Rest ParkSafe Update on the Outcomes of Community Engagement

Motion: (Lockie/Steer)

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the proposed location for the public toilets within the park as outlined in the report and proceed to deliver these facilities in 2019;
2. In response to the engagement survey outcomes, establishes an alcohol prohibited area in the park as a trial to be completed when the lighting trial ends and a report be made to Council as to its outcome and seek the NSW Police and seek NSW Police assistance in administering this area;
3. Maintain the current alcohol restrictions (9am-9pm) in other areas within the park;
4. Undertake a public education campaign within Camperdown Memorial Rest Park and Fleming Street Playground similar to the program which has been run by the City of Sydney;
5. Note the public request for increased ranger patrols in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park after dark;
6. Subject to future partner funding support or grant funding, the option of a Park Ambassador program be considered should anti-social problems continue to be a concern to park users;

7. Receive a report by March 2019 with recommendations for the holistic management of Fleming Park, canvassing the range of options that have been previously raised by local residents including updating signage, repairs to the fence, and updated landscaping in addition to the two options canvased in community engagement (community garden and removal of the picnic table)
8. Receive a report by March 2019 with recommendations on how Council can facilitate a program of community run activations and events in Camperdown Rest Memorial park, as addressed in the meeting held at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre earlier this year;
9. Officers provide a report back to Council on the outcome of all Parksafe activities at the conclusion of the lighting trial in 2019; and
10. Review Lennox Street Lighting with the aim of reducing light spillage affecting residents.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Iskandar and Kiat

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

Council engaged architects to prepare designs for the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park public toilets at the location approved by Council on 11 December 2018. Designs were developed for the project, however the designs did not meet the requirements of the brief, including the project budget. The architect was not able to resolve the designs to Council's satisfaction and was advised in late 2020 that Council would not be proceeding with the designs.

This unsuccessful design process, the Covid-19 period and changes in project manager resourcing have delayed the project. Procurement planning is currently underway to engage new architects and to ensure the required design outcomes are met. It is intended that an architect will be appointed in Q4 for delivery of the project in 2021-2022. The construction budget has been reallocated to the 2021-2022 capital budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 21

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CALLAN PARK OFF-LEASH AREAS

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council writes to the NSW Government requesting that:

- a) The existing on-leash provisions for sporting fields, while in use, be formalised; and
- b) The rest of Callan Park, with the exception of the Bay Run, be designated as an off-leash dog walking area.

Background

For decades local residents have been making use of Callan park as an off-leash dog walking area. While sporting fields within Callan Park have operated as on leash areas while being used for community sport, there has been no record of conflict between dog walkers and local sporting clubs.

The NSW Government has indicated to Council following the release of the Callan Park Landscape Structure Plan, that they perceive open spaces within Callan Park to be on-leash areas under the law, despite the fact Callan Park has operated as an off-leash area in practice for many years. The Government is now seeking to specify on- and off-leash areas within Callan Park and wishes to force Council to police any new on-leash areas that they specify.

Given the Government's intention to impose new restrictions, it is important that Council makes clear its position and advocate on behalf of local residents.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Parks and Recreation Planning Manager:

Through a license agreement with the NSW Government, Council currently manages the sporting ground precinct within Callan Park which consists of:

- The Waterfront Drive Sporting Grounds (two sporting grounds)
- The Balmain Road Sporting Ground (one sporting grounds)
- Glover Street Sporting Ground (two sporting grounds).

Council has previously resolved that these sporting grounds are off leash when not being used for active sporting use. When sporting activities are taking place (including organised sports training) the sporting grounds are designated as on leash areas. The current arrangements are working well.

The Iron Cove Bay run is an on leash area at all times and this is consistent along the entire length of the Bay Run Recreational Trail.

Council also needs to take into consideration the significance of Callan Point and those areas which have been designated as key biodiversity and habitat restoration areas. For over 20 years Council and its bush care volunteers have worked hard to revegetate areas of Callan Point to create both habitat and foster biodiversity improvements. The foreshore areas of

Callan Point is highly significant in that the area has rare open space elements. Callan Point is also considered to be the most important Aboriginal archaeological site within the park. Designated bushcare sites and areas of cultural significance need to be recognised and protected. The management of these areas as “on leash” should be considered by Council. The sandy beach area which lies at the base of Callan Point can be retained as an off leash area subject to careful management including interpretive and educational signage.

It is noted that one of the major problems with the Park is that of Commercial dog walkers. Commercial activities within the park are not permissible under the Callan Park Act and secondly many commercial dog walkers are also causing issues by having more than four dogs under their control at any one time (in violation of the Companion Animals Act). This it is noted is also causing problems within the park for responsible dog owners.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 22

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP NSW

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Notes that this year marks the 50th anniversary the founding of Campaign Against Moral Persecution (CAMP Inc), one of the first gay and lesbian rights organisations in Australia;**
2. **Notes that the first formal meeting of CAMP Inc was held in St John's church hall in Balmain; and**
3. **Receives a report on how it can best commemorate the founding of CAMP Inc. This report should look at whether Council can install a commemorative plaque at or close to St John's Church in Balmain or at or close to 393 Darling Street, Balmain.**

Background

Unlike the 1969 New York Stonewall Inn riots, Australia's LGBTQIA+ history of emerging rights, didn't begin at a bar, pub or inn, it began with a small group of courageous women and men. They appeared in two Australian newspaper articles, on 10 and 19 September 1970. John Ware and Christabel Poll announced the founding of the Campaign Against Moral Persecution – known as CAMP Inc, or CAMP NSW.

Fifty years ago, the foundation stone, so to speak, was laid for what today is called the LGBTQIA+ community in Australia when CAMP Inc was founded. The Campaign "lived" its entire life in the then Leichhardt Municipality now the Inner West Council area.

On 9 January 1971 about 90 lesbians, gay men and some heterosexual supporters met in St John's church hall in Balmain for the first meeting of the Campaign Against Moral Persecution or CAMP Inc, Australia's first homosexual rights organisation. Soon after Sydney's CAMP Inc was establishing it became national with branches in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Perth. The organisation's name changed to CAMP NSW.

That same year, CAMP established its first clubrooms at 393 Darling Street, Balmain, a grand building, designed by colonial architect, Edmund Blacket, opposite the Balmain Police Station, the then Police Boys' Club (now called PCYC) near the local RSL branch and next door to the Balmain Fire Station.

CAMP had its own journal *CAMP Ink*. The first issue was published in November 1970 and produced at the 393 Darling Street, Balmain clubrooms. The journal was for so many the only link they had with their "hidden" community. It was posted to CAMP members in plain brown wrappers to protect their identity and not "outing" them.

CAMP Inc organised, at its Balmain clubroom, the first ever 6 October 1971 demonstration of lesbians and homosexuals in Australia. At Liberal party headquarters in Ash Street, Sydney. It

was the first “mass” coming out publicly in Australia of about 50-60 lesbians and homosexuals. This was the first time a group (for the time, 1971, a large one) of lesbians and homosexuals who were photographed publicly. And women/lesbians demonstrating about and supporting a male specific issue i.e. homosexual law reform.

In 1972 the ABC national TV’s *Chequerboard* program – today’s *Australian Story* – approached CAMP wanting to televise a social documentary about an openly lesbian and male homosexual couple. Sue Wills and Gaby Antolovich participated along with Peter “Bon” Bonsall-Boone and his partner Peter de Waal. Bon and Peter’s segment was filmed at their Balmain home, and CAMP’s Darling Street Balmain clubrooms. Bon and Peter became the first male couple to kiss on national TV in Australia. Consequently, Bon was sacked for coming out gay publicly and challenging a homophobic society.

On 13 April 1973, the first volunteer homosexual telephone help line – Phone-A-Friend – was officially launched at Bon and Peter’s Balmain home. Over the years, CAMP’s enduring entity has had various incarnations. But, 48 years on, it still exists – now called the Twenty10/Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service – supporting, counselling, assisting, enriching, and empowering the multi-faceted LGBTQIA+ community in many and varied ways.

Bon – who died in 2017, was posthumously – and Peter were awarded, a 2017 Queen’s Birthday Honour for extensive voluntary services to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Over the years CAMP NSW conducted numerous public education sessions, with, to name just a few: First Year Sydney University Medical Students; Police Cadets; Sydney’s Callan Park Psychiatric Nurses; Family Life Movement Counsellors; Family Court Counsellors, and the long list goes on.

From the mid-1970s until 1981 CAMP ran the first not-for-profit volunteer LGBBTQIA+ coffee-shop in Sydney. It was open most weeknights and a heaven for many in a vast commercial exploitative, alienating environment. When open there always was a volunteer on hand to welcome those who were living in their closets or new on the scene. Apart from the coffee-shop, Phone-A-Friend, a meeting room, and library were housed at the CAMP Centre at 33a Glebe Point, Glebe, in the then Leichhardt Municipality.

1975 International Women’s Year brought great joy for CAMP NSW. It prepared a detailed submission at Glebe’s CAMP Centre and applied for a \$30,000 Federal Government funding to conduct seminars and other women’s liberation activities. The overall aim was to highlight women being considered second-class citizens and female homosexuals doubly so. CAMP received a \$4,000 grant – this was the first ever government grant to a lesbian/homosexual organisation – much to the disapproval of organisations such as the Country Women’s Association, but more so from religious institutions, organisations and groups.

The naming of the now world-famous Sydney Mardi Gras came about and was partly organised at a mid-1978 CAMP executive meeting, held at the CAMP Centre in Glebe. Margaret (Marg) McMann (Annandale resident in Leichhardt Municipality at the time) and Ron Austin were both CAMP executive members. Ron suggested: “Let’s have a night street party in Oxford Street.” Marg replied: “Ron, we’ll call it a Mardi Gras!”

During 1975/76 CAMP NSW’s political action group developed, at CAMP Centre, Glebe, a very detailed and far-sighted submission to the Royal Commission on Human Relationships. Michael Clohesy, CAMP’s secretary at the time, did a TV interview about CAMP’s submission. He was sacked from his Catholic teaching job. Subsequently, the NSW Catholic hierarchy attempted to stop CAMP from presenting its oral and written submission. Eventually the Royal Commission ruled that CAMP could and should be heard.

CAMP NSW initiated and held a tribunal on “Homosexuals and Discrimination” during November 1976. The tribunal’s public hearings took place at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium

UNSW. Forty-four varying discrimination cases were presented to the Tribunal. Its findings became a starting point for introduction of anti-discrimination legislation.

I want to also acknowledge the contributions of long-term Balmain resident, Alexander “Lex” Watson, a founding CAMP member, who died in 2014. He was posthumously awarded a Queen’s Birthday Honour for his work as part of CAMP, the Gay Rights Lobby, and as the first president of ACON.

Since then, CAMP has had a hand in almost every major step progression for the LGBTQIA+ community in Australia, including the decriminalisation of male acts of homosexuality between consenting adults in 1984, and national marriage equality.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to every member of CAMP Inc. These individuals have made extraordinary personal sacrifices, in their work, their personal life and in the community to propel the LGBTQIA+ movement further, and open doors for others.

CAMP envisaged a future where lesbian and gay people would be able to walk proudly hand in hand in this city, head held high with pride, without fear of violence, discrimination, or hate. While we still have more to do, this vision has been realised.

Officer’s Comments:

Comment from Acting Director City Living:

It is proposed that the 50th Anniversary of CAMP NSW be acknowledged by a commemorative heritage plaque to be located between the Balmain Town Hall and the historic green house, which is across the road from 393 Darling Street Balmain.

The proposed location and plaque concept has been discussed with representatives from the Camp NSW who are in support of this plan.

The design, manufacture, and installation of the plaque can be covered by existing operational costs.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 23

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: MAKING THE INNER WEST THE LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA AGAIN

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Designates the Enmore Theatre as the first Special Entertainment Precinct in NSW, once the Special Entertainment Precinct legislated amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 have been gazetted by the NSW Government;
2. Consults with live music and performance venues in the Inner West LGA about other appropriate locations and venues to designate as Special Entertainment Precincts;
3. Pending gazettal of the legislation, Council officers are to prepare a plan for regulating noise from amplified music from the proposed Enmore Theatre Special Entertainment Precinct. This is to be reported back to Council the next Council meeting following the gazettal of the legislation. And Council officers liaise with the Live Music Office in regard to the implementation of the Enmore Theatre Special Entertainment Precinct;
4. Commends the Live Music Office's John Wardell and Sydney Fringe Festival's Kerri Glasscock for their work on the Inner West Live Music and Performance Census 2019 project; and
5. Writes to the Premier of NSW and the Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement in the Department of Premier and Cabinet calling on Create NSW to expand the Play the City grant program into the Inner West Council's LGA.

Background

In November 2020, the New South Wales Parliament passed legislation which enables local councils in New South Wales to declare Special Entertainment Precincts under the Local Government Act, and which is scheduled to commence at the end of May 2021.

Introduction of Special Entertainment Precincts

A new part has been inserted into the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) allowing councils to establish a Special Entertainment Precinct within their local government areas (LGA) by amending its local environmental plan (LEP) to identify the Special Entertainment Precinct.

Special Entertainment Precincts enable the licensing system to support communities and Councils wanting a vibrant night-time economy and live music.

Special Entertainment Precincts come with certain benefits:

- Dedicated live music and performance venues are allowed to trade for an additional 30 minutes, which is already in place for the City of Sydney LGA, but not in the Inner West.
- Noise complaints relating to noise generated wholly from inside a venue will now only be administrated by Council and not multiple State agencies.

These precincts incentivise live music and entertainment over alternative revenue streams, such as pokie machines. The changes to the LG Act aim to strike a more equitable balance between protecting residents from excessive noise and protecting responsible venue operators from vexatious noise complaints.

The Inner West Council LGA is home to one of the largest cohorts of live music venues in New South Wales. As such it is important that Council makes use of the newly legislated provisions for Special Entertainment Precincts.

Iconic Enmore Theatre is an ideal venue to be the first such precinct in the Inner West LGA and NSW. Council should also commit to work with theatres and venues across the LGA to provide to identify and implement Special Entertainment Precincts in other locations.

Live Music Census:

The Inner West Live Music and Performance Census 2019 project was undertaken by the Live Music Office in partnership with The Sydney Fringe Festival and mapped live music and performance across art forms and comedy through September and October 2019.

The census data identified a remarkable amount of live music and performance taking place weekly in the Inner West LGA.

Key findings of the Inner West Live Music and Performance Census 2019 include:

- - 2496 performances and 1842 events took place in the Inner West across September (1485 performances / 1124 events) and October (1011 performances / 718 events)
- - 88 venues in September and 87 venues in October regularly presented live music and performance
- - The Factory Theatre in Marrickville had the most performances of any venue at 278 separate performances in September
- - Hotels provided the most live music venues with 30 individual venues in both September and October, along with Clubs (14 in September / 15 in October), Bars (12 in September / 13 in October) and Theatres (12 in September / 8 in October).
- - Lazybones Lounge, Gasoline Pony and Butchers Brew, all in the Marrickville/Dulwich Hill precinct are presenting a lot of music, as is the Bridge Hotel in Rozelle

The Live Music Census can be found here: <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/living-arts/live-music>

Play the City:

The NSW Government through Create NSW has allocated \$1 million to bring live music and performance back to the centre of Sydney. For more information see link here:

<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/arts-and-cultural-funding-program/play-the-city-sydney/>

Play the City program funds individuals, venues and arts organisations to present live performance in selected areas of the Sydney CBD in the first half of 2021.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Senior Planning Manager and Acting Director City Living:

- Strategic Planning staff are aware of the upcoming changes to the Local Government Act 1993 and future release of guidelines to accompany these changes in May 2021. We are intending on working to establish a Special Entertainment Precinct along Enmore Road as a pilot precinct which requires a LEP amendment. If successful, this can then be rolled out to other areas and around other venues throughout the LGA.
- Any LEP amendment and a plan for regulating noise from amplified music from premises within the special entertainment precinct will require specialist input prior to any formal reporting to Council, as such it would not be possible to report to the next Council meeting after the gazettal of the legislation and additional time would be required to prepare the relevant information.
- Officers can continue to liaise with the Live Music Office providing updates on how the LEP pilot precinct and amendments.
- The current Play the City grant round has now closed and projects have to be delivered by 30 June 2021. Officers contacted Create NSW seeking advice on whether the Play the City Grant program would continue, but were unable to receive any confirmation regarding its future.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 24

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SEATING, WATER, SHELTER AND TOILETS
THROUGHOUT THE LGA

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

MOTION:

THAT council receive a report including costings for an audit, community consultation and provision of Seating, Water, Shelter and Toilets throughout the LGA.

Background

Seating, shade, shelter, water and toilets are vital to Civic and Public spaces.

The privatisation of public space has meant that our community is forced to pay to sit down, rehydrate and avoids the outdoors if rain is forecast.

The less mobile feel discouraged from undertaking walks because there is nowhere to sit to rest, take in the view or have a chat.

The wall at the entrance to Ashfield pool provides wonderful seating for people of all ages to wait or even just to enjoy the passing scene. We need more spaces like this.

The public toilet map are gaps in locations and time throughout our LGA.

"The Great Dunny Hunt is on! Click here to enter now for your chance to win one of three \$500 Eftpos vouchers and add a missing facility in a regional area to be in the draw! The National Public Toilet Map provides information on over 19,000 facilities across Australia, including toilets, adult change and baby change. Where available, information on accessibility, opening hours and amenities, such as showers and sharps disposal are included."

<https://toiletmap.gov.au/>

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Parks and Recreation Planning Manager:

In 2020 Council adopted a Public Toilet Strategy for the Inner West LGA (attached).

The Public toilet strategy was consulted widely with the community and included a full audit of existing facilities as well as a review on gaps in public toilet provision.

As part of its adoption of the Public Toilet Strategy, Council also adopted an implementation plan for the provision of additional public toilet facilities over the next 5-10 years subject to budgetary provision.

In addition to the public toilet strategy, Council is in the process of developing a generic park plan of management for all of its small neighbourhood and pocket parks.

A number of pocket parks sit within each of the town centres and have been identified for medium to long term improvements to facilitate greater public use, activation and enjoyment. Recommendations currently being developed include the need for additional landscape master planning and community engagement. A draft plan of management for Generic Park Plans of management will be presented to Council in June 2021

In addition to the above the Playground Strategy which will inform the distribution provision and development of new and improved playground facilities across the Inner West Council area is also being prepared. This strategy includes work in relation to shade sail provision in play areas. Critically should additional reporting be required Council needs to note that Council's Playground Strategy (Lets Play) and the Playground Shade Sail Strategy would be significantly delayed which in turn would impact on the delivery on the future parks capital works program.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 25

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: BEST PRACTICE 6STAR ENERGY RATED DEVELOPMENT

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a report on the ability to amend the VPA policy to incorporate; Incentives to improve climate change action by striving for 6star energy rating in commercial and industrial buildings. Bettering the basics bar for residential buildings. Contributions for acquiring open space.

Background

Two of the largest challenges facing the Inner West Council is climate change and lack of open space per resident. It is important that Council provides leadership in these 2 very important areas.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation:

The VPA Policy is currently under review by staff and these matters can be considered as part of this review and a report brought back to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 26

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CHANGE STREET NAME

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Change the name of Victoria Road Marrickville,
2. Consult with the IWC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee regarding an appropriate name, and that the new name reflects the Aboriginal history of the area.
3. Respectfully suggests that Gumbramorra be among the names considered.

Background

There are at least 85 suburbs in Sydney have a Victoria Road, Street, Avenue, Square, Lane or Place, all named in honour of Queen Victoria. Victoria reigned as Monarch of the British Empire from 1838 to 1901. Neither Queen Victoria nor her husband Prince Albert ever visited Australia.

The following suburbs have street, roads etc named Victoria:

Marrickville - Lane and Road,
Rozelle - Road
Ashfield - Sq. and St
Dulwich Hill and Lewisham - St
Newtown - St (off Church St, boundary with the LGA)
St Peters - St (parallel to Albert).

There are Queen Streets in Summer Hill, Ashfield, Croydon, Marrickville (off Victoria Road), Newtown (In the City of Sydney, not far from Victoria St) and Petersham, and Queens Square in Balmain.

Albert Streets, Parades, Lanes or Roads in Leichhardt, Ashfield, Newtown, Petersham, St Peters and Rozelle.

Two states in Australia are named in honour of Queen Victoria, Queensland and Victoria. Gumbramorra is not used as a street name anywhere else in greater Sydney. For Aboriginal peoples the invasion of the British Empire was catastrophic. The British stole their lands, fouled their waters, took their food, and Aboriginal peoples were murdered or died of imported diseases.

Aboriginal cultures, damaged as they were, are growing and changing. There's an increasing understanding that all peoples on this country must care for the land and live within its means, ensuring the future for generations to come.

Though it is only a signal of that change, naming a major road into Marrickville with a word used by and of significance to Aboriginal peoples may cause people to engage with the story of this land and its peoples, the land we live on and which gives us life.

A new name may be a small token of reconciliation.

With the permission of Marrickville writer Sue Castrique the story of the Gumbramorra wetland follows. The wetland is the land beneath the industrial area of Marrickville, between Victoria Road and the Illawarra Railway line at Sydenham.

<https://griffithreview.atavist.com/marginsgood-swamp> Sue's story was a joint winner of The Nature Conservancy's 2019 Nature Writing Prize.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Director City Living:

The Geographic Names Board of NSW Policy – Place Naming under point 9.3 states:

Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons. Changing well established names can lead to address or location confusion, especially to electronic navigation services.

The policy states that if Council were to submit a naming proposal, it should be supported by a Council resolution with supporting evidence including community consultation that includes notices to local residences and associations.

Should this NoM be adopted, the proposal can be presented to the next Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting on 15 June 2021 and the Geographical Names Board of NSW for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 27

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REVIEW OF INNER WEST COUNCIL COMPLAINTS HANDLING

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Review the Management of Complaints including accessibility of information on website, reporting, performance, the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service and alignment with the NSW Ombudsman's best practice guidelines and the Procedures for Handling Code of Conduct Complaints;
2. Report the outcome of the review to Councillors at the July ordinary Council meeting.

Background

In accordance with the NSW Ombudsman's guidance, the Complaints Handling Policy was due to be reviewed last November.

"This policy is subject to regular review at a maximum interval of two years. Any recognised change to relevant legislation, directives or guidelines issued by agencies including the NSW Ombudsman and the Office of Local Government will instigate an immediate review of this policy to reflect any changes." viewed 20 April 2021 Source: Complaints Handling Policy (adopted 27/11/2018) <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/955/Complaints%20Handling%20Policy.pdf.aspx>

With regard to the use of "Internal Ombudsman" The Association of Ombudsmen have raised concerns "It is a contradiction in terms, for example, to describe a body as an 'internal ombudsman' or to apply the description to a body that is subject to the direction of a government minister or industry body." The Australian and New Zealand Ombudsman Association (ANZOA) is concerned to ensure appropriate use of the term Ombudsman. Our view is that a body should not be described as an Ombudsman unless it complies with six essential criteria addressing independence, jurisdiction, powers, accessibility, procedural fairness and accountability." Source: ESSENTIAL CRITERIA FOR DESCRIBING A BODY AS AN OMBUDSMAN Policy statement endorsed on 5 February 2010 by the Executive Committee of the Australian and New Zealand Ombudsman Association (ANZOA) - viewed 20 April 2021 https://www.ombudsman.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/31434/ANZOA-Essential_criteria_for_describing_a_body_as_an_Ombudsman.pdf

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Governance Manager:

Council officers are commencing a review of the Complaints handling policy with the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service. A draft Policy will be tabled at the Ordinary Council meeting in July 2021 prior to going on public exhibition.

Comment from Acting Internal Ombudsman

The Internal Ombudsman Shared Service (IOSS) operates in accordance with the IOSS Governance Charter, available on Inner West Council's website: <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/internal-ombudsman>. Council's website also contains information on what the IOSS will and will not investigate, information on how to make a complaint, confidentiality and privacy provisions, our contact details and further fact sheets about the service. The IOSS Charter, Fact Sheet and publicly available information on Council's website follows the NSW Ombudsman's *Building a best practice complaint management system*. The role of the IOSS is also incorporated into Council's *Complaint Handling Policy* and the IOSS liaises regularly with Council officers to facilitate the effective and efficient management of complaints.

The IOSS, an impartial service working across the three member Councils, operates out of a stand-alone office in Auburn, physically separate from all other Council buildings. The IOSS reports to the IOSS Management Committee and issues an Annual Report on the performance of the IOSS, also available on Council's website.

The IOSS will assist Council to review and update Council's *Complaint Handling Policy* and review and report on Council's Complaints Handling practices and processes.

In relation to Code of Conduct complaints, the Internal Ombudsman is delegated as Council's *Complaints Coordinator* pursuant to Council's adopted *Code of Conduct* and *The Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct*. Any Code of Conduct complaints are managed pursuant to the relevant statutory requirements and there are review mechanisms available under the Procedures if there are identified concerns with this process.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 28

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Tom Kiat

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the memo of the then Acting General Manager dated 8 April 2021, 'Organisation Structure in the Office of the Mayor';
2. Note the advice that the current staffing level of the Office of the Mayor at \$538,000 per annum is significantly higher than comparable councils, and that this funding allocation was not determined or approved by a resolution of Council;
3. Receive advice from the General Manager addressing how Council can, as part of the FY21/22 Annual Budget, respond to the organisational issues and risks identified in the memo from the Acting General Manager dated 8 April 2021. This shall include advice on a structure for the Office of the Mayor that is consistent with other comparable councils, and noting Council's preference for a reallocation of any staff within the organisation where appropriate; and
4. Receive a report regarding how Council can address the organisational issues and risks identified in the abovementioned memo.

Background

See attached Memo to all Councillors from Brian Barrett, then Acting General Manager dated 8 April 2021, 'Organisation Structure in the Office of the Mayor'.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from General Manager:

The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy delegates the resourcing of roles in the Mayor's office to the General Manager. The current staffing levels have been in place for the past. All staff in this office are either permanent or have an end date of September 2021, have been employed under the Local Government Award and are the responsibility of the General Manager.

The General Manager has committed to reviewing the tasks and positions of the Mayor's office which will inform the review of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, including (but not limited to) benchmarking against equivalent sized Councils before it is presented to the next Council for adoption after September 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [1.](#) Memo - Councillors - Mayoral Office Support



MEMO

To: All Councillors

From: Brian Barrett, Acting General Manager

Date: 8 April 2021

Subject: Organisation Structure in the Office of the Mayor

I was asked recently to consult with the Mayor following a request by him to retain a surplus staff member who has been on secondment to the Mayoral office area for over two years.

I will respond separately to the Mayor on that matter.

During the course of considering this matter I discovered a number of things that I believe I should share with you all.

Background

Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (October 2009) issued by the Office of Local Government at paragraph 2.4.2 confirms that 'Dedicated staff support, including secretarial services' can be provided to the Mayor and/or Councillors.

A Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy was adopted by Council on 17 July 2017. It sets out reasonable levels of support for Councillors and the Mayor. Of relevance is the following:

10.6. In performing their civic duties, the Mayor and councillors will be assisted by a small number of staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager.

Perhaps unwittingly, when the Administrator adopted the policy it essentially delegated the task of determining support to the Mayor and Councillors entirely to the General Manager. This is in stark contrast to the very transparent provisions of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities policies of other large Councils in the Sydney Metropolitan area which set out support with some level of precision.

Council considered a Mayoral Minute at its meeting on 31 October 2017, the following parts of which were adopted:

C1017 Item 19 Mayoral Minute: Appointment of Councillor Support Staff

Motion: (Byrne)

THAT a report for administrative assistance for Councillors be prepared and consider the following:

- a. **Appropriate number of Councillor support staff and the ratio of support staff to Councillors;**



- b. Costs and funding associated with providing this assistance;
- c. An appropriate system of oversight and management of staff; and
- d. Selection criteria.

Carried Unanimously

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

Against Motion: Nil

Council records indicate a report was provided to Council at its meeting on 21 November 2017. This, somewhat surprisingly, entirely focussed Council's attention on City of Sydney Council which Councillors would be aware operate under their own legislation (*City of Sydney Act 1988*).

In considering that report Council resolved 'THAT a Councillor briefing be held in early 2018 to consider all options for Councillor support' which was carried unanimously.

At its meeting on 13 February 2018 Council considered a further report from officers on the same matter and resolved to defer the matter.

It does not appear that the matter was ever considered by Council again.

In the meantime, Council's Joint Consultative Committee received a report on 10 November 2017 from the then Group Manager Human Resources proposing to create and/or re-purpose roles to provide support for the Mayor and Councillors. Jobs were subsequently created and filled but they appear to have been dedicated largely to the support of the Mayor.

What support do other large Councils provide?

Other large councils provide similar levels of support to Councillors as Councillors of the Inner West would experience. Most importantly, this includes the ability to lodge questions or submissions on behalf of constituents and to receive a timely response.

As for the support provide to the Mayor the following was identified:

- Parramatta City Council – Lord Mayor has a Personal Assistant which reports through to a Council Executive. The Lord Mayor and Councillors are supported by a further 5 staff providing a range of policy, media and administrative support under the same Executive.
- Canterbury-Bankstown – limited to one Executive Assistant reporting through a Governance area. Other support provided from within the organisation.
- Blacktown - limited to one Mayoral Secretary reporting through a Secretariat area. Other support provided from within the organisation.
- Sutherland – The GM and Mayor share a secretarial support. Support by way of media, policy, governance is provided via Council officers within Corporate Support Directorate.
- Cumberland - limited to one person providing administrative and secretarial support.
- Liverpool City Council – dedicated personal assistant only.

All other support for the Mayor and Councillors is normally provided through specialist areas within Council e.g. communications/media advisers and policy advisers.



Current situation in the Inner West

I note the following positions, while reporting through to the Governance and the Communications & Engagement Managers are allocated for the exclusive use of the Mayor:

Mayoral Policy and Media Relations Manager	Contract until September 2021
Mayoral Media Officer	Contract until September 2021
Executive Assistant to Mayor	Permanent full time
Executive Assistant to Mayor	Permanent full time
Mayor Support	Temporary part time (3 days per week)

The staffing costs are approximately \$538,000 per annum.

In addition, the Mayor regularly receives support from Council's Communications & Engagement team who draft Media Releases, arrange his attendance at events and the like. The Governance team also make available to him a Driver where required.

As you would appreciate, a policy as loose as Inner West Council's provides little transparency to members of the public.

It can promote an unhealthy relationship between the Mayor and General Manager where one can provide unlimited resources with little practical oversight on a day to day basis. It also has the potential for the resources allocated to be used for purely political purposes notwithstanding the intent of the policy that they would be dedicated to civic purposes only.

I'm not suggesting that the resources allocated have been used for improper purposes but there could clearly be the appearance that this is the case particularly when there are equally qualified staff available within Council for support.

Summary

Accordingly, I am bringing this to the attention of the Elected Council to ensure the policy is adequately benchmarked against equivalent sized Councils before it is presented to the next Council for adoption after September 2021.

In the meantime, remaining roles that are not permanent will have an end date of September 2021 so Council can transition to a normal Mayoral support structure once a Mayor is elected by Council in September.

Brian Barrett
Acting General Manager

Item No: C0521(2) Item 29

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: INTERNAL OMBUDSMAN SHARED SERVICE (IOSS)

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillors Councillor John Stamolis, Councillor Julie Passas, Councillor Victor Macri and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Vittoria Raciti

MOTION:

THAT:

- 1. Council convene a meeting of the 3 councils that share the Internal Ombudsman service to gauge their enthusiasm for the continuation of the service; and**
- 2. A report comes back to Council which is authorised by all 3 Councils.**

Background

At the previous Council meeting, a vote of 7 vs 7 sent a clear signal that half of the Inner West Council wanted to discuss the IOSS with the other two Councils who share the service with us (i.e. Cumberland and Parramatta).

Inner West Council knows that the other two Councils are also questioning the IOSS service and whether or not to continue with it. It seems illogical to prevent a meeting with the other Councils.

Other key issues include:

1. The vast majority of NSW Councils do not use an IOSS model. Council must explain to its community why it departs from what other NSW Councils do and why this is necessary.
2. There is concern about the perception of independence of the IOSS (especially given that Council directly pays for the IOSS).
3. There is concern about the premium paid for the IOSS which other Councils do not pay.
4. Our community should expect a clear majority vote on something as important as this, not a 50/50 split.
5. The renewal of the IOSS contract for 3 years (conducted last year) was not presented to Councillors for approval.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Governance Manager:

The Internal Ombudsman Shared Service (IOSS) offers Council:

- Development and delivery of training including Public Interest Disclosure
- Coordination of Code of Conduct training
- Joint projects with Cumberland and Parramatta Councils such as Candidate information sessions
- Public Interest Disclosure coordinator
- Independent review of policies
- Independent complaints handling and investigation

- Coordination of Conduct Review Panel and management of claims of Code of Conduct breaches.
- Governance quarterly meetings to discuss relevant issues

In the absence of the IOSS, Council would still be required to invest an equivalent level of resources in managing these functions while losing the very real 'independence' the service in its current form offers. The fact that other councils do not have a designated Internal Ombudsman does not indicate these functions are not being performed using in-house staff designated as Governance Officers or the like. Council would also require an additional resource to manage the Code of Conduct complaints received.

The current contract expires on 30 June 2023.

The options available to Council to withdraw from the contract include:

1. A council may withdraw from the contract with the majority of consent of the other Councils.
2. A council may withdraw from the contract provided not less than one year's written notice of the proposed withdrawal is given to all other Council's.
 - Unless waived by the majority of other Councils, a withdrawing Council must pay to the Host Council on behalf of the other Councils any amount which was decided upon to be applied towards the costs and expenses of provision of the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service or of the Employer Council and the other Councils.' Immediately upon its withdrawal.
 - Unless waived by the majority of other Councils or if not forming part of the amount decided upon, a Council withdrawing shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the other Councils consequent upon the withdrawal including but not limited to costs of administrative rearrangements, amendment of the employment conditions and records and the like.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 30

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: STAFFING OF MAYORS OFFICE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council to report back on the full resources, staff and expenditures relating to the Mayor's Office and a Councillor briefing be arranged to assess and review this report. The report should detail the staff positions and the key tasks of these positions.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from General Manager:

The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy delegates the resourcing of roles in the Mayor's office to the General Manager. The current staffing levels have been in place for the past. All staff in this office are either permanent or have an end date of September 2021, have been employed under the Local Government Award and are the responsibility of the General Manager.

The General Manager has committed to reviewing the tasks and positions of the Mayor's office which will inform the review of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, including (but not limited to) benchmarking against equivalent sized Councils before it is presented to the next Council for adoption after September 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 31

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SERVICE TO THE ELDERLY

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a report on the interactions with our ratepayer/residents who are computer illiterate and if there is a policy relating to this matter when was it adopted.

Background

Many senior residents and ratepayers (especially those of ethnic backgrounds) feel that our Council is discriminating against them due to the push to force them to use online facilities.

Many do not have the technology or access to emails.

I was told by these rate payer/residents that Council will not accept hard copies of submissions, requests etc. at our Council's Customer Service Centre.

One resident was told she could not present any requests physically.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Senior Manager Business Excellence, Customer Service, Enterprise Risk and WHS:

Inner West Council does promote our online capability but does not deny any face-to-face customer service or lodgment of requests. Officers assist residents on a daily basis by accepting requests and take pride in providing a high-level of service.

The only applications that must be lodged online are Development Applications which are required to be lodged through the NSW Planning Portal. This was mandated on 1 July 2020 for councils in Greater Sydney by the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.

If a customer has been provided incorrect information, Officer's welcome these details and feedback in order to provide assistance.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 32

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: ARLINGTON OVAL

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Julie Passas

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a report on what steps Council has taken in regard to complaints received on Arlington Oval and to assure residents they are not being ignored by our Council.

Background

Councillors are aware of the weekly complaints in regard to the players and supporters at Arlington Oval. I have witnessed the behavior personally which confirmed the complains are valid.

This motion calls on a report on what steps Council has taken in regard to these complaints and to assure residents they are not being ignored by our Council.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation:

Council officers are currently in the process of accessing community engagement outcomes on a proposed Operational Plan for Arlington Reserve. Community engagement outcomes along with a revised operational plan will be presented to Council in June 2021 for consideration.

Council staff have responded on a timely basis to all complaints received in relation to Arlington Oval. Rangers have also been undertaking regular patrols checking for compliance with the approved operating hours of the Reserve, and also for the enforcement of on-street parking restrictions in the area.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 33

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCIL WEBSITE WEEKLY UPDATE ON STREET MAINTENANCE

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT 2 of the largest challenges facing the Inner West council is climate change and lack of open space per resident. It is important that Council provides leadership in these 2 very important areas.

Background

In the interest of transparency residents need to know the work that is being done and will elevate many concerns they have. I understand the difficulties in providing forward scheduling as due to the weather would be labor intensive and far from accurate with timing. Hence providing information on the work that has been done it will be accurate

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Director Infrastructure:

Council manages and undertakes maintenance on 464km of roads, 578,000m² of grass verges, 80,000 trees and hundreds of public garbage bins. Each week, hundreds of maintenance services are undertaken on these assets.

There would be a substantial amount of administration to provide the information as requested on a weekly basis. It is estimated that it would take an administration officer one day per week to update the website with this information. This is not currently resourced within the Council structure and it would therefore require an additional part-time staff member at a cost of \$14,000 per annum. If this NOM is supported, Councillors will need to identify a budget for this additional resource.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 34

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SAFETY AT ROUNDABOUTS

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Victor Macri

MOTION:

THAT Council conduct a safety audit at these roundabouts Gannon st Tempe and Ewart st Marrickville. With a mind to provide some barrier protection.

Background

There is a serious safety with these 2 roundabouts with multiple incidents with Motor Vehicles losing control and mounting the footpath at these 2 locations where school children walk to school. The owner of the property on the corner of Ewart st and Beachamp st has just had his front fence demolished by an out of control car for the 4th time and has told me of many near misses when cars have mounted the footpath with children walking to Marrickville West Primary School.

Sent from my Re the issue about the roundabout -

Bob and I are the owners of the property at [157 Unwins Bridge Road](#). Our daughter and her family live in the house. Our concern is the frequency of front fences being demolished by cars coming around the roundabout at the Gannon St intersection. Our fence has been knocked down twice and the neighbour's one three times. We would like to request that a concrete barrier be erected in front of our property instead of the nature strip.

Officer's Comments:

Staff have no comment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Street View





Item No: C0521(2) Item 35
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: TREE DCP

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. Note the recent briefing provided to Councillors with the advice that the Tree Policy adopted by Council in 2019 has led to a doubling of private tree removals, a significant loss in overall tree canopy (despite public tree plantings), and contains a number of unlawful provisions, and
2. Staff bring to the June Council meeting recommendations on how Inner West Council's Tree Policy may be amended to turn around the massive loss of trees on private property in the Inner West, and to ensure that the Inner West Council area meets the target of 40% tree coverage by 2035.

Background

Council recently received a briefing from staff advising a massive increase in tree removal on private property in the Inner West following the approval of the new Tree Policy in 2019. The new policy has clearly seen a dangerous loss of tree canopy in the inner west, an area already well under the target coverage of 40% suggested by the Greater Sydney Commission. As we see increasing temperatures caused by Global Heating trees will play an increasingly vital role in cooling our homes and streets, and their absence will lead to great stress on the elderly, young and unwell. The cost both financial and personal of losing tree coverage is very significant, and Inner West Council needs to play a leading role in increasing positive views of trees in our lives, and in supporting the planting and location of appropriate trees.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Chief Operating Officer, Director Development and Recreation:

As a result of resourcing constraints within Council's Urban Forest team, it is unlikely that a comprehensive report on such a complex policy matter will be able to be provided at the June meeting. A report within 3 months is likely to be a more realistic timeframe.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 36

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: REPORT ON TREE LOSS IN ASHFIELD AND LEICHHARDT WARDS

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor John Stamolis

MOTION:

THAT Council receive a fully detailed listing of the tree canopy loss in Ashfield Ward and Leichhardt Ward over the past year; with additional emphasis on the two suburbs in Ashfield Ward that accounted for almost 50% of the tree canopy loss in the Inner West (i.e. Dulwich Hill and Ashfield).

Background

Council data reported that Ashfield Ward accounted for 64% of the canopy loss over the past year followed by Leichhardt Ward (23%). These two wards accounted for 87% of the canopy loss in the Inner West over the past year.

Councils' data showed the change in canopy for the 25 suburbs in the municipality. One suburb alone, Dulwich Hill, accounted for 27% of canopy loss across the entire 25 suburbs of the municipality!

The suburb of Ashfield accounted for 21% of the canopy loss.

That is, two of the 25 suburbs in the Inner West accounted for nearly half of the tree canopy loss in the Inner West. This requires examination.

Stanmore Ward and Balmain Ward, however, were the exceptional performers accounting for only 1% of the total canopy loss each. In Stanmore Ward a number of suburbs saw good canopy increases (Camperdown, Newtown and Enmore). So too for Balmain Ward. Both Lilyfield and Birchgrove saw solid increases.

The large Marrickville Ward accounted for only 11% of the loss. In this ward, Sydenham and St Peters were the two suburbs that saw canopy increases.

No suburbs in the Ashfield and Leichhardt Wards saw any canopy increase.

Ward	Canopy loss Ha	% of loss
Ashfield	-8.83	64%
Leichhardt	-3.22	23%
Marrickville	-1.47	11%
Balmain	-0.14	1%
Stanmore	-0.13	1%
Total	-13.78	100%

Officer's Comments:

The detailed canopy loss data can be presented to Council. It is suggested that this be provided as part of the review of Policy, expected to be able to be provided to Council within 3 months

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 37

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: PLASTICS

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Colin Hesse

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **Write to the operators of shopping centres located in the Inner West Local Government Area asking them to install public drinking facilities that allow centre patrons to drink from a bubbler or fill up their own bottle rather than buying bottled water and contributing to the massive amount of plastic waste in our society.**
2. **Report to the June Council meeting on progress Council is making to eliminate the use of single use plastics in Council operations and events in accordance with the Council resolution C0918(1) Item 21 Single Use Plastics Reduction resolved 11 September 2018.**

Background

A resident has raised her concerns about the amount of single-use plastic water bottles purchased in our community, and the terrible contribution these water bottles make to plastic pollution in our society.

The resident notes that Council has installed bubblers and water bottle filling facilities in our shopping strips and parks and asks that shopping mall owners help the campaign to reduce plastic waste by installing these facilities in the centres they operate.

Residents of the IWC area are greatly concerned about our environment and in particular the impact of plastic waste on our community and around the world.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Urban Sustainability Manager:

A report can be provided to Council on eliminating single use plastics in Council operations and events. A letter can be prepared for Mayors signature encouraging shopping centres to install fresh water drinking fountains to enable customers to re-fill their own water bottles.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0521(2) Item 38

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CASS AWARD WIN

Council at its meeting on 11 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 24 May 2021.

From: Councillor Mark Drury

MOTION:

THAT Council sends a letter of congratulations to CASS on winning 2021 Premier's Multicultural Community Medal.

Background

CASS (Chinese Australian Services Society), a dedicated and passionate community services provider supporting the Australian multicultural community for 40 years, has won a 2021 Premier's Multicultural Community Medal.

It was the winner of the 2021 Not-For-Profit Business Excellence Medal, which was presented by The Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP, NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, at the Premier's Harmony Dinner held on 13 March 2021 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney. The late Chief Operations Manager of CASS, Maria Cheng, was also inducted onto the Multicultural Honour Roll.

Dr. Bo Zhou, the chair of CASS, said, "CASS was formed in 1981 and it has grown into a major social and welfare services provider with a very comprehensive range of community services serving more than 3,500 families of multicultural backgrounds each week, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Indonesian.

"The services provided by CASS include residential aged care, childcare, home ageing and disability services, settlement and health services, vocation and training services, volunteering services, Chinese language classes, cultural and interests classes. This Award is undoubtedly the greatest compliment to CASS."

The Premier's Harmony Dinner is an annual event organised by Multicultural NSW. It is aimed at celebrating a cohesive and inclusive multicultural society and recognising those who have contributed to the multicultural development in NSW.

Officer's Comments:

Comment from Acting Director City Living:

Council has been working in partnership and collaboration with CASS for many years on numerous community initiatives including Seniors programs, English translations services, parenting programs, Lunar New Year events, playgroup support. CASS are also represented on the IWC Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC).

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.